

Manta Rays, Chamorro Bucks dominate JROTC drill meet

Reigning champions Saipan Southern High School and Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. /Sr. High School succeeded in defending their titles during Saturday's annual CNMI Multiple School

JROTC drill meet. They will be representing the CNMI once again in the National Drill Meet at the Golden Bear in Torrance, California.

Saturday's opening ceremony was

led by Kagman High School's armed color guard.

"It was a success for everyone since no one went home empty -handed, which is good. I'm glad that

The Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Battalion performs in the unarmed exhibition category of last Saturday's CNM-PSS Multiple School Unit JRTOC drill competition at the Marianas High School grounds.

it turned out the way it did," said Capt. James Burke, senior Army instructor of KHS and drill meet

coordinator.

KHS went home with a third-place See MANTA on Page 4

Aldan succumbs to heart attack

By DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO demalynn_pagarao@saipantribune.com REPORTER

> orthern Islands Mayor Jerome Kaipat Aldan died early Saturday morning after collapsing outside J's Restaurant in Oleai.

Aldan's common law wife said the doctors at the Commonwealth Health Center told her that he died from a massive heart attack, pending an autopsy.

Witnesses said Aldan and a friend stepped out of J's Restaurant around 1:50am on

Saturday after having a late dinner that was punctuated with jolly laughs over a bowl of soba. Moments later Aldan collapsed and was Aldan



rushed to CHC.

Aldan's Facebook page has been flooded with condolences and laudatory words for being a good leader and a good man.

Saipan and Northern Islands chair Luis John

"L.J." Castro will be the acting mayor of the Northern Islands.

Castro earlier told Saipan Tribune that he was actually supposed to become the acting mayor of the Northern Islands today, Monday, as Aldan was set to go on an off-island trip

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MCS wins mock trial tilt again

By ERWIN ENCINARES REPORTER

The team of Mount Carmel School dominated the 19th CNMI mock trial competition last Thursday and Friday to earn the right to represent the CNMI in the national championships in Hartford, Connecticut in May.

MCS topped Grace Christian Academy, as well as See MCS on Page 4



The Mount Carmel School team poses for a picture after receiving the first place plaque during Friday's CNMI mock trial competition at the CNMI Supreme Court. In front row, from left, are MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Joe Taijeron, Charles Brasington, Public School Sysem Associate Commissioner Lynette Villagomez, Chief Justice Alexand Castro, Justice John Manglona, and Justice Perry Inos.

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Local

Manager gets 1 year in prison for beating up wife

The manager of a travel agency and restaurant was sentenced last week to a maximum prison sentence of one year for beating up his wife at a restaurant in Susupe.

Gui Fang Lai, 43, was given to complete the conditions of credit for time served.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho noted that Lai has a prior criminal conviction but failed

his probation, has multiple temporary restraining orders involving domestic violence, and committed several traffic violations.

He said Lai's abusive behavior and alleged "ice" use have caused his wife and other family members to testify against him.

The wife even filed for

divorce and stated that the of beating up his wife, best thing for Lai is to go back to China.

Lai, who was represented by assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit, was accused chasing her with an axe, and breaking items at Good Day Restaurant in Susupe on March 20, 2016. (Ferdie de la Torre)

14 receive license in home care and hospitality training

By DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO demalynn_pagarao@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Eucon International University auditorium saw the graduation of 14 students in Home Care and Hospitality Training last Friday, Feb. 17.

One of the graduates in the hospitality department, Mike Kakuse, said he enjoyed the program and is looking into using what he learned to get into the coffee/tea business.

"I learned how to make the best coffee I have ever tasted in my life," he said.

One of the challenges in their final exam was to make their own beverage with their own natural ingredients.

"I used the fruits I had in my backyard—papaya, pomegranate, and moreand I called it moonlight coca cabana," Kakuse said, adding that this peers enjoyed it very much and that he always had that concept in mind as he has so many fruits in his backyard.

Another hospitality graduate, Dennis Ong, said his favorite part of the training was learning how to do things at a high level. "The instructor came from a five-star hotel. So we were taught at a five-star level. I



The 14 graduates of the first Home Care and Hospitality training pose with officials of Eucon International University and Taiwan's Ching Kuo University after Friday's graduation ceremony at the Eucon auditorium in Gualo Rai. DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO

recommend this program to those working in the food and beverage industry."

Nian Ling Han was amazed at the patience of her instructors. "You can really take in just how much patience and care you are being taught about because you feel it from the instructor themselves. They share their stories and experiences and you just know that they truly love what they do. If you do not have the passion for this work, it will not work for you," said Han.

The program was held for two weeks, from 8am to 5pm.

"It was challenging to take on all that information in just two weeks, but it was always different and interesting every day," said Jayn Bautista.

Eucon president Dr. Christian Wei said his idea is to have home care training on island and wants to open one in two years.

"We just need some government accreditation and I am sure we can have this available here. It is a need for the elderly and the sick. Without this training, we do not have the ability to go into their homes. Not only can we care for their

physical and emotional needs, but also we can care for their spiritual needs."

The program's instructors will be returning to Saipan from Taiwan's Ching Kuo University to do a presentation at the Women's Summit on March 8.



A bi-weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority



Discount for Returning Saipan Marathoners

Participants registering for Saipan Marathon 2017 who joined the marathon in 2016 are now eligible for a \$5 discount on registration fees if they register by the early bird deadline of Feb. 24, 2017. Residents are required to present valid ID when registering with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) for the marathon, which will be held on March 25, 2017, in The Marianas. Participants who have already registered for the race may visit the MVA office to receive a refund.

Registration is U.S. and NMI participants is \$55.00 for the 50K and marathon and \$45.00 for half-marathon and 10K participants. The fee for high school and junior high school students is \$30 (student I.D. required). An additional late fee of \$10.00 will apply to registrations submitted after Feb. 24. The last day to register for the event will be on March 10, 2017, at 5 p.m. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

The MVA has received race certification for Saipan Marathon from the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) and the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS). IAAF uses the measurement standards of AIMS, an association of over 400 race organizations in 100 countries and territories

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on March 24, 2017, at Paseo De Marianas, without exception. Entry forms are available at the MVA office located on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 670.664.3210 or ediaz@mymarianas.com.



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Last member of burglary crew gets 5 years

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

A man was re-sentenced Wednesday last week to five years in prison for conspiring with other to burglarize a warehouse in Afetnas and steal copper wire and other items.

Sonny Babauta was resentenced to 21 years in prison, all suspended except for five years.

"Mr. Babauta, what you did really damaged your familv." Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho told Babauta.

Babauta, who has been in custody for over 36 months now, was given credit for time served and required to pay \$4,230 in restitution. After completing his sentence, he will be placed on 10 years of probation.

Camacho said Babauta and his three co-conspirators burglarized the victim's premises not once but twice on the same night and destroyed tools and copper wire worth \$4,230, which they sold for \$120.

Camacho said Babauta and co-members of the burglary crew split the money equally and went into a poker arcade to play.

The judge noted that Babauta has no prior criminal conviction and that he was 20 at that time. However, he associated with co-defendants who

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mostly have extensive prior year jail term. criminal convictions.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub recommended a five-year prison sentence. Defense counsel Jennifer Dockter recommended three years imprisonment with credit for time served.

On Nov. 29, 2013, a jury found Babauta guilty of two counts of burglary, two counts of conspiracy to commit burglary, two counts of theft, and two counts of conspiracy to commit theft. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 32 years imprisonment.

In January 2014, Camacho slapped Babauta with a 10year prison sentence. Babauta appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court.

His three co-conspirators— Jeffrey Lizama, Matthias Salisban, and Fiden Hamo—all pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal. Lizama and Salasiban were slapped with a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison without parole. The two's appeal resulted in resentencing.

In June 2015, Salasiban was resentenced to the maximum of five years in prison.

In March 2016, Lizama was resentenced to the maximum of five years in prison.

Hamo pleaded guilty in the burglary case and also in a rock-throwing incident. He was slapped with a five-

The charge of accessory after the fact to burglary against another defendant, Petrus Anastacio, was dismissed during the trial.

The four men twice entered the Han Nam warehouse on Dec. 18 and 19, 2012, and stole copper wires, power tools, and other items.



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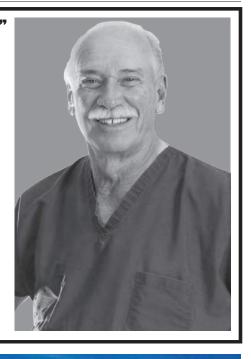
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Kilili to have leading role in HELP

By JON PEREZ

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) has earned a leading role in the Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions subcommittee as the second most senior member from the minority of the congressional group.

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives minority selected their leaders and ranking members for the subcommittee's responsibilities of the Education and the Workforce Committee, headed by Rep. Virginia Ann Fox (R-5th North Carolina).

HELP is one of the four subcommittees under the Committee on Education and the Workforce, which was formerly known as the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-7th Michigan) is

GOP Reps. Todd Rokita (4th-Indiana: Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education); Bradley Byrne (1st-Alabama; Workforce Protections); and Brett Guthrie (2nd-Kentucky; Higher Education and Workforce Training) are the other subcommittee chairs.

Sablan said he led the bipartisan territorial caucus' letter to House majority leader Kevin McCarthy (R-23rd California) and minority leader Nancy Pelosi (D-12th California) to include each of the insular areas they are representing in health care reform that the GOP is planning.

"We were largely left out of

Obamacare [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act], so now, with repeal and replace on the table, we want any replacement to meet President Trump's standard of insurance for everybody," said Sablan.

Reps. Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-American Samoa), Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam), Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colón (R-Puerto Rico), and Stacey Plaskett (D-Virgin Islands) are Sablan's counterparts that joined him in the position letter.

He said the territorial cau-

cus also backs House Speaker often forgotten, after giving Paul Rvan's (R-1st Wisconsin) plans on healthcare reforms.

"Among the reforms we want are ending the cap on Medicaid insurance payments to insular areas and computing the federal/local shares of Medicaid in a way comparable to states. We also support [Ryan's] idea to have federally-supported, refundable tax credits for health insurance."

Sablan is also a member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee and earned a special waiver to serve on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. Minority members are usually limited to only two committees.

"Democratic members are usually limited to membership on two committees, but I will now serve on three. The [Veterans Affairs] committee has jurisdiction over the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs," said Sablan.

"Veterans and their families in the Marianas and around our nation are too so much. That's why I asked, and was granted last week, a special waiver to serve on the committee."

"[The committee] provides veterans with medical care, housing and educational benefits, and other compensation for their service. Committee membership gives me more opportunities to address disparities in these services for veterans living in remote areas of our country, like the Marianas."

He thanked Pelosi, the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, Veterans Affairs ranking member Rep. Tim Walz (D-1st Minnesota), and House Natural Resources ranking member Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-3rd Arizona) for approving and supporting his waiver request.

Sablan said he would work for the Northern Marianas College, and all CNMI undergraduate and graduate students as a member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee.

Settlement deal with Luta owners jeopardized

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

With Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto's failure to pay his share of custodial fees for cargo ship M/V Luta, the vessel remains in the custody of the National Maritime Services, and inventors in his lawsuit have been unable to put into effect their settlement with the ship's owners.

This was the assertion of attorney Bruce Berline who, as counsel for Norton Lilly, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week to release M/V Luta immediately in order to preserve and effectuate the settlement with the vessel owners.

Yamamoto allegedly has an outstanding balance of \$130,406 for his share in custodial fees.

On Friday, designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood heard Norton Lilly's motion to release the vessel.

Berline said Norton Lilly and the other intervenors the vessel's crew and Long Consulting—entered into a settlement with owners of M/V Luta. That settlement is contingent upon the vessel's release.

Berline pointed out that the court last Feb. 10 vacated Yamamoto's arrest warrant for the ship and the order to sell the vessel.

In that same order, Tydingco-Gatewood ordered the vessel to be released, but made the order contingent on the parties paying NMS' custodial fees.

Berline said all the intervenors paid their share of fees but Yamamoto failed to pay his share.

Berline said Yamamoto's arrest warrant for the vessel has been vacated and its continued detention only serves to increase custodial fees and to punish the intervenors

Berline said NMS has other remedies available to seek payment of its fees from Yamamoto other than indefinite detention of the vessel.

Tydingco-Gatewood issued an order to show cause last week against Yamamoto for failing to pay by no later than Feb. 14 toward his outstanding balance of \$130,406 in custodial fees. Yamamoto had already initially paid \$30,000 in custodial fees.

Tydingco-Gatewood ordered Yamamoto to appear personally in court tomorrow, Tuesday, and explain why he should not be held in contempt.

Yamamoto's counsel,

awards that included a first

place for the unarmed color

George Lloyd Hasselback, was also ordered to appear at the hearing.

The judge said failure to comply with the court's order to pay NMS may result in a finding of contempt, and the imposition of monetary and other sanctions.

The boat's crew, Long Consulting, and Norton Lilly have complied with the court's order by paying their shares for custodial fees, totaling \$28,916.

Tydingco-Gatewood determined that Yamamoto's whole relationship with Abelina T. Mendiola and her family demonstrates he was a joint venturer with them on M/V Luta.

Abelina T. Mendiola is president of Luta Mermaid and Luta Mermaid's members are Deron T. Mendiola, and Fidel S. Mendiola III.

principal Cherlyn Cabrera,

who was present during the

competition, said: "I'm very

proud of the cadets that par-

ticipated in this event. I'm

always proud of them but

I'm especially proud of them

today for all the effort they

put in. ... The things you've

learned from this competi-

tion you can apply it in life,

that what you put in the ef-

fort that's what makes you

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MCS

Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Saipan International School, and Tinian Jr. Sr. High School, for the opportunity to represent the islands in the national stage.

The GCA team took second place.

Lawyer Joe Taijeron and MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero coached the MCS team.

"We are very humbled. We faced a very good team in the finals and we learned a lot from our opponents from Rota, Tinian, [and Saipan]. I just want to thank our parents for supporting our program and our teachers at MCS for helping us," said Taijeron.

The mock trial focused on the fictitious case of Kelsev Reed vs. the CNMI. In the case, Reed is charged with two counts of cyberstalking Jamie Alaxanian through a college campus-sponsored chatroom.

GCA, who was defending on behalf of Kelsey Reed, went up against MCS, who was representing the plaintiff.

GCA defense attorney Yu Jin Lee bagged the award of best defense attorney while MCS' prosecution attorney, Arron Cushing, bagged the best prosecution attorney award.

"I wouldn't have gotten this award if it wasn't for my coaches and teammates supporting me," said Lee, who also received the best defense attorney award.

"The mock trial this year was really fun. I could not have done this without [every single member] of my team, even the junior high and even those that didn't play in any round at all," said Cushing, who also received the 2015 best prosecuting attorney award.

GCA attorney coach Brian Flaherty was thankful for the experience the students gained from the competition.

Flaherty said the competition is a good channel for growth and self-confidence in students' speaking and problem solving skills.

"Seeing the work all of the students have put in up to this point and coming out over the last two days is amazing and is a very wonderful experience for all the students that participated," he said.

The best prosecution witness award went to Romeo Shrestha of Tinian Jr. Sr. High School, while the best defense witness award went to Justin Ocampo of MCS.

Honorable mentions include the Supreme Court Professionalism Award, which went to Saipan Southern High School.

MCS has already represented the CNMI six times since the CNMI started participating in the mock trial national championships, with this year being the seventh.

MCS won the mock trials in 1999, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2016 mock trial national championship.

MANTA

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win for armed inspection.

MHS was finally able to get an award after a four-year drought. They got two third place-finishes for unarmed and two second place-finishes for armed categories.

Lt. Col. Ramon Ichihara, Marianas High School's senior Army instructor, said he is proud of his cadets for winning and that he's thankful to have hardworking cadets.

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Basa, the SSHS senior Army instructor, said that all schools that competed did an outstanding job in improving their drill skills.

SSHS took home five first place trophies and three

runner-up awards. The wins are for the following categories: armed exhibition, armed regulation, armed inspection, unarmed inspection and unarmed regulation. They also won the overall award for armed category.

Capt. Joseph Santos, the Tinian High School senior Army instructor, said that his cadets worked extremely hard to get to where they are today, and that they did the best they could.

THS went home with six awards, which include a first place for the unarmed exhibition.

Santos encouraged all schools to support the two schools that will represent the CNMI in the nationals, to bring trophies back home.

Rota High School got five

guard. They won the overall award for the unarmed cat-First Sgt. Philip Sablan, the

RHS Army instructor, said his team did their best and that they should continue to strive and be the best they could be.

Associate Commissioner Yvonne R. Pangelinan said: "The performances were outstanding, everybody put their heart and soul into it so it was a great show."

"For the two teams that will represent CNMI in the states—SSHS and RHS—you should take pride in that win, just continue the preparations and stay dedicated with anything you do in life," Pangelinan added.

Marianas High School

successful." This year's competition, hosted by the Kagman High School Ayuyu Battalion, was held at the Marianas High School drill pad. The CNMI Army JROTC drill competition consisted of the following categories: inspection, color guard, regulation and exhibition

cente Cruz Santos Jr., who finished second to Aldan in the 2015 general election, will be nominated by Torres to carry on Aldan's unfin-

drills. (Mackenzie Perez)

Evening rosary is being held at Aldan's mother's residence in upper MIHA housing at 7:30pm.

ALDAN

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to Japan.

Castro said that, like the entire island community, he is in shock with the untimely passing of Aldan, who he said was very energetic and always

goes out on a limb to serve his constituents.

Castro will serve as acting mayor until Gov. Ralph DLG Torres names a replacement for Aldan.

In 2014, the late governor Eloy S. Inos named Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela as mayor of Saipan after the untimely passing of Saipan mayor Donald Glenn P. Flores.

Since Flores died with less than half of his term remaining, Tudela as the second largest vote-getter during the election that Flores won, was offered the opportunity to serve as mayor.

With that as precedent, Vi-

ished term.

The federal court has summoned an ex-convict who was sentenced in 2012 to 24 months in prison and placed on supervised release after being convicted of felon in possession of a firearm.

Justin A. Funkugub was directed to appear in court for a probation revocation hearing after he was allegedly found using methamphetamine or "ice" again and violating other supervision conditions.

Funkugub will appear before U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter on Feb. 23 at 9am.

Attorney David G. Banes was appointed as counsel for Funkugub.

According to U.S. probation officer Gregory F. Arriola, Funkugub tested positive for the use of methamphetamine last Jan. 11.

Funkugub also violated location monitoring program rules when he made an unauthorized movement last Jan. 30, Arriola said.

At first, Funkugub denied using "ice" but he later admitted to it, saying he was tired and needed the energy, Arriola said.

A Kannat Tabla witness reported that Funkugub was seen at the front of a residence last Jan. 30, yelling profanities and calling the name of a man who lived there. Funkugub left after a neighbor told him no one was home.

Funkugub later explained that he went to the residence to confront the individual for spreading rumors about him.

Last Nov. 9, the court revoked Funkugub's probation for testing positive for "ice" use. He was sentenced to eight days imprisonment, followed by 26 months of supervised release.

In November 2012, Manglona sentenced Funkugub to 24 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to felon in possession of a firearm. He was given credit for 40 days of time served.

Funkugub was found in possession of a revolver that had an obliterated serial number.

In February 2015, Manglona revoked Funkugub's supervised release for admitting to drug use on multiple occasions and his failure to report for drug testing and counseling. He was ordered to serve three months in prison, followed by a 33-month term of supervised release.

In July 2015, the U.S. Probation found out that the defendant used "ice" in two separate occasions and failed to report to counseling sessions. The court did not revoke his probation as he was compliant and was taking care of a sick uncle.

Last May, the U.S. Probation found out that Funkugub failed to attend a counseling session, failed to report to two drug tests, failed to follow a

Ex-convict Funkugub allegedly found using 'ice' again

probation officer's instructions, and admitted to "ice"

use last June 7. Last June, Manglona sen-

of time served, followed by a lease. Funkugub was ordered

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-17-019

GROUND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CUC WATER & WASTEWATER FACILITIES, SAIPAN

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water and Wastewater facilities in Saipan, in compliance with USEPA inspection and sanitary survey requirements.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for **March 2, 2017** at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Saipan, to ensure prospective bidders are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions.

CUC will award a contract to more than one firm for said services, based on bids for "Service Section" pursuant to

One (1) Original and Seven (7) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-019, Ground Maintenance Services for CUC Water & Wastewater Facilities, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 17, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

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All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered prospective bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 6, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email — manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Gary Byrd, CUC Water & Wastewater Division Manager via email-gary.byrd@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Procurement Technician, via emailmarcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-016

FEASIBILITY STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for professional services to prepare a comparative feasibility assessment of water supply treatment alternatives, including desalination (RO and thermal/evaporative). The assessment will compare, at a minimum, location, type, size, cost, and funding options for each alternative to implement, construct and operate.

The scope of work and solicitation package will be emailed upon request, by the CUC Procurement and Supply Office from $7:30\,$ a.m. to $4:00\,$ p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement and Supply Division.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Conference Room No. 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building on February 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST). A teleconference number will be provided to interested off-island participants to call in and attend.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-17-016 – "Feasibility Study of Water Supply Alternatives for the Island of Saipan" to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than March 02, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competitive Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information of understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award of a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This bid and the ensuring contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent, awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI business license in compliance with the licensing laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of the contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. Proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on February 17, 2017, to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address at manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to William Gilmore, CUC Deputy Executive Director via email address william.gilmore@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant, via email address at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN Purchasing Administrator

9th Annual JP Glow Walk on Feb. 24

TanHoldings will be holding its 9th Annual JP Walk this Friday, Feb. 24. The event, dubbed JP Memorial Walk Glow Run, celebrates the life of John Pangelinan, former publisher of *Saipan Tribune*.

Registration is \$10 per person, inclusive of a free event shirt (while supplies last) and a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes.

The JP Walk used to be exclusive only for *Saipan Tribune* staff, TanHoldings employees, and Pangelinan's family. How-

ever, organizers have expanded it to the community, not only to honor Pangelinan but also to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The JP Memorial Walk Glow Run & Health Fair will start at 5pm. Pick up registration forms at the JP Center Bldg. along Beach Road in Garapan or register at the site starting at 4pm.

There will be two routes. The 3K will start from the Garapan Fishing Base to the turning point across Gold Beach Hotel and there will be a turning point at Quartermaster Road intersection for the 5K.

Funds raised from the event will go to the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer on behalf of TanHoldings.

Pangelinan was born on Oct. 26, 1937 and died on Feb. 5, 2008.

For more information about this event, go to the second floor of the JP Center Bldg. Beach Road, Garapan and look for Eunice Angeles or call (670) 235-0561. (Demalynn S. Pagarao)

Sirok: No express requirement to submit names to EPA for vetting

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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There is no express requirement in stipulated order 1 that requires that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to submit names to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for vetting of the executive director's position, according to CUC counsel James S. Sirok.

CUC understands that SO1 positions require certain qualifications, Sirok said, and EPA and the U.S. can object if they feel that the person hired by CUC does not meet the qualification requirements.

"It is for this reason CUC had decided to pass names through EPA first before hiring, rather than after hiring," Sirok said in documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Wednesday.

CUC had asked the court to waive certain qualification requirements in order to allow acting CUC executive director Gary Camacho to become the executive director. The U.S. government opposes the request.

Bradley R. O'Brien, senior trial attorney of the Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section, had said that CUC's request was done without meeting and conferring with the U.S.

O'Brien added that CUC failed to respect court resources and follow basic requirements by not submitting Camacho's candidacy to EPA.

The position has been vacant since July 2015 when the CUC board of directors declined to extend the contract of then executive director Alan Fletcher.

O'Brien disclosed that last Jan. 11, CUC contacted the U.S. via e-mail requesting EPA's advice regarding Camacho being appointed to the executive director position "notwithstanding" the qualification requirements.

O'Brien said CUC's informal inquiry did not describe Camacho's qualifications and did not follow the vetting process.

O'Brien said the U.S. re-

sponded to the email last Jan. 13, stating that if CUC would like Camacho to be considered for the position, the utilities agency should follow the process and information requirements

"It is important that all candidates are treated fairly and equally," the U.S. told CUC.

O'Brien said CUC thanked the U.S. for its "immediate attention" to the e-mail, but CUC then filed last Feb. 1 the motion to waive the requirements.

In CUC's objection filed on Wednesday, Sirok said it is common knowledge within EPA and CUC that Camacho does not qualify for the position and it would have been inappropriate to transmit Camacho's name for vetting, knowing he is not qualified.

The process would have done nothing, Sirok said, except to allow EPA and the U.S. to obtain another criticism for CUC to be stored away for use later, so it would complain that CUC was not following the provisions and requirements.



CARE PACKAGES

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Liberation Day Royal Princess Coryn Monica Aguon Achas is assisted by a postal worker in sending off care packages for CNMI soldiers who are currently deployed. Organizers also acknowledged the help of Imperial Pacific International, Ltd., the U.S. Marshals Service, the Sablan-Magofna family, and various friends and families for their contributions.

SDA School to compete in Lego League contest

First lady Diann Torres donated \$300 to the Saipan SDA School Lego Robotics Team on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, to help the students achieve their goals for this year's team.

The team will be travelling to Walla Walla, Washington next week to compete in the first Lego League competition, a worldwide organization that gives students the chance to identify a problem and work

School Lego Robotics team chose to research human interaction with coral reefs and

Washington, D.C. to address the CNMI's concern with the

program's end-date and visa

This SHRM lunch meet-

ing will be held at the Pa-

cific Islands Club Charley's

on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017,

from 11:30am to 1:30 pm.

Note that this meeting is on

Wednesday, not the normal

Thursday schedule. This pre-

sentation is open to the public.

Benitez will provide an oppor-

The presentation includes

the PIC lunch buffet at the cost

of \$20 for SHRM members

and \$30 for non-members.

Seats are limited; for reserva-

tions contact Penny Jones by

e-mail at penelope.jones@

hyatt.com_or by telephone at

tunity for questions.

SHRM meeting speaker to talk of CW program future

numbers.

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter's meeting this month will feature President Donald Trump's point of contact for Guam and the CNMI to speak on the topic of the CNMI's CW program.

A graduate of the Inter-American School of Law, Juan Carlos Benitez, executive director of the Guam Republican Party, has headed lobbying efforts for both the CNMI and Guam governments in Washington, D.C. He is currently a member of the National Asian American Pacific Islanders Council for Trump and the National Hispanic Advisory Council for Trump.

Benitez is also an immigration attorney with membership in the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

He will address the present status of the CNMI's toward a solution.

This year the Saipan SDA

CW program and will review the efforts being pursued in

came up with a way to make that interaction better. They have conducted beach cleanups around Saipan and are working toward implementing Bio-Rock Technology to help grow coral and improve the oceanic environ-

The students are working on producing a video to get resorts and sponsors involved in their efforts to resolve/lessen the coral problems of Saipan.

ment around Saipan so that

coral can regrow naturally.

When they compete on Feb. 26 the SDA team will pres-



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First lady Diann Torres donates \$300 to the Saipan SDA School Lego Robotics Team on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 201.

ent their research and show their progress in programming while completing challenges with their Lego robots.

The SDA team would like to thank all of their sponsors: the SDA Dental Clinic, Torres, Café MangoSix, Got Chiba,

Nancy Gottfried, Douglas Daley, Frank Stewart, Coconut Scanning, and the Governor's Office. (PR)

Law mandates Customs' conduct K-9 unit searches

By JON PEREZ

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A new law now mandates Division of Customs personnel to conduct K-9 unit drug detections on all interisland flights and seaport entries in the CNMI.

Senate Bill 19-110, authored by Sen. Steve K. Mesngon (R-Rota), is now Public Law 19-86.

"The Division of Customs shall extend K-9 unit screenings for the purpose of detecting illegal drugs and other contrabands at all seaports and airports within the Commonwealth, including

all interisland outgoing and incoming commuter flights as well as incoming and outgoing water crafts," state part of the new law.

The bill was introduced in the 19th Legislature and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law. It passed the Senate on Dec. 2 and the House of Representatives, without amendments, on Dec. 28.

The CNMI government has formed an anti-drug task force, where Customs and the Department of Public Safety are members, to combat the prevalent drug use—like methamphetamine or more

commonly known as "ice"in the CNMI.

All CNMI enforcement agencies are working in collaboration in the government's war on drugs campaign, in the hopes of eradicating "ice" and other illegal drugs in the Commonwealth.

Mesngon, on PL 19-86, said the best way to battle drugs is to prevent its entry to the CNMI. "An effective strategy to tackle drugs at the port of entries is to also conduct drug detections with the use of K-9 units."

Customs currently use K-9 units to protect the borders but it is done only on Saipan. PL 19-86 would expand the use

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NMI Government, Nonprofit, and Private Institutions Learn more about VA healthcare and benefits, and community programs in wellness, education, employment, housing, disability assistance, counseling, social support, and more.

of K-9 units on Rota and Tinian's ports of entries for drug detection.

"The use of K-9 units to conduct drug detection on Rota and Tinian would deter the smuggling of drugs using interisland commuter routes. The Legislature believes the ice epidemic is not just a problem occurring on Saipan but also greatly affecting the communities of Rota and Tinian," Mesngon wrote in the bill.

"The Legislature finds that in order to deter smuggling of drugs into our borders, it is necessary to conduct drug detection screenings through the use of K-9s at all points of entries in the Commonwealth," he added.



MTEC continuing outreach highlights sailing at GES

The Marianas Tourism Education Council turned student attention to the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian tradition of sailing during their presentation at Garapan Elementary last Feb. 14.

500 Sails president Emma Perez shared the non-profit's vision and ongoing work to restore the maritime tradition of sailing in the Marianas by building 500 proas (sailing canoes). Perez's presentation reinforced the MTEC message that tourists are eager to learn about and experience local culture when they visit.

"It was a pleasure to have Emma join us and share the vision of 500 Sails with the students, to plant the seed of them having the opportunity to build, sail, or even own their canoes someday," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "We are always looking for new



Emma Perez, president of 500 Sails, shares the non-profit organization's vision with students of Garapan Elementary on Feb. 15, 2017, during the presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council and Marianas Visitors Authority at school.



Student prizes winners pose with presenters from the Marianas Tourism Education Council and Marianas Visitors Authority at Garapan Elementary School on Feb. 15, 2017. Pictured with the students are MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, far left, and 500 Sails president Emma Perez, third from left.

BRIDGE CAPITAL, LLC JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(01) KHMER TRANSLATOR (Full-time)

Job Purpose:

Directly assists the company with translation coordination activities and engagement with internal and external resources to support projects in the Khmer PDR.

Duties:

- Translate various documents to and from Khmero to English for use in project management and litigation.
- Identify useful information in the documents and communicate that information to internal management.
- Type memos and envelopes.
- Prepare documents and packages for mail or shipping related to Lao projects.
- Scan, rename, and file Khmer documents on server.
- Performs other clerical and administrative duties, as needed

Skills/Qualifications:

- Must have fluency in Khmer and English.
- Previous translation experience is preferred.
- Excellent verbal/written communication skills.
- Great attention to detail.
- Competency with Microsoft Office required

No phone calls please. Interested applicants must submit resume to our Bridge Capital office on Micro Beach Rd, Garapan, or email to tania.mesa@bccnmi.com. Deadline to submit application will be Friday, March 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

ROBERT T. TORRES, ESQ.

Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya) Saipan, MP 96950

Attorney for Petitioner Armando Villafuerte

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE) NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF) ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF ADMINISTRATION

ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS. Date: April 20, 2017

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Armando
Villafuerte has petitioned the Superior Court of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to

issue Letters of Administration for the Estate o Issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Angelina Borja Peredo aka Angelina P. Rios, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on April 20, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having Any and all persons, creditors, or enuties having daims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the daim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT I. TORRES Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2016.

Clerk of Court **Deputy Clerk of Court** ways of connecting everyday life with tourism for the students, and this is one way they will be able to share local culture with visitors."

Last year MTEC visited 17 schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in partnership with the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"MTEC is a strong partner of the MVA, reaching hundreds of students each year with our message that 'Tourism is Everybody's Business," said MVA acting managing director Judy Torres. "Our school presentations are helping to raise a new generation of young community members who understand the importance of industry and how they can become active participants in it, even at a young age."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN

In The Matter of the Estate of ESTEBAN RASIANG NOGIS,) CIVIL ACTION

EIGHTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 16, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Tract No. 22703-3, containing an area of 1,484 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of

DATED, this 23rd day of January, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Schools interested in having an MTEC presentation may contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or MVA Community Projects quest. (MTEC)

assistant Jennalyd Babauta at jbabauta@mymarianas.com or 664-3210 to schedule a date. Private schools may also have a presentation upon re-

FHB promotes Parm Sachdej

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank chair and chief executive officer Bob Harrison announced Friday the promotion of Parminder Sachdej to vice president:

Sachdej, vice president and manager of Guam Dealer Center, will be responsible for managing the wholesale and retail dealer relationships, growing the indirect auto loan portfolio and overseeing collections for the region.

He joined First Hawaiian Bank in 2008 as a business banking officer in the Maite Banking Center and was promoted in 2013 to assistant vice president, and then to AVP and manager, Guam Dealer Center

A graduate of St. John's High pany based in Hawaii. (PR)

in Tumon, Guam, Sachdei earned a business degree from Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, California.

FHB (fhb.com), with as-

sets of \$19.7 billion, was founded in 1858 as Bishop & Co., and today is Hawaii's largest bank, offering a diversified range of banking services to consumer and commercial customers, includ-

ing deposit products, lending services, wealth management, insurance, private banking and trust services. The bank has 57 branches in Hawaii, three on Guam and two on Saipan. First Hawaiian, Inc., the parent company of FHB, is the largest publicly traded com-

NMHC sees huge drop in delinquencies

Sachdej

By DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO

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The number of those with delinguencies at the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. significantly dropped.

A January 2016 report states that 94 of 228 active loans under NMHC programs such as the HOME Investment Partnership Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and Direct Family Home Loans were 120 days past due. These amount to \$2.9 million in total balance due.

By January 2017, the number of past due accounts was down to 59, with an all-time low balance of \$496,068. This is a decrease of 37 percent from the previous year's.

The total of seriously delinquent accounts also decreased significantly, from an estimated \$2.9 million to a new low of \$1.6 million from January 2016 to January 2017.

"All the loan delinquency indicators show improvements. This is a clear sign that NMHC is progressing in its collection efforts, as well as in furthering its outreach process by identifying loan accounts that are in danger of being accelerated for foreclosure," said Mortgage and Credit division manager Chris Pangelinan.

The agency has been contacting seriously delinquent borrowers to plan and implement a workable solution in order to help them get back on track toward keeping their loan account current, he added.

Pangelinan said, however,

that efforts can only go so far. In order to fully utilize any financial hardship assistance that is available to NMHC borrowers, the agency stresses the importance of having the cooperation and commitment of account holders.

"One of my duties as NMHC's mortgage manager is not only to provide loans, but also to monitor and maintain the agency's existing loan portfolio," said Pangelinian. "This means that I may have to initiate foreclosure if absolutely necessary, especially when all the due process have been fully exhausted and provided to our borrowers," he said.

Pangelinan encourages NMHC borrowers to take the initiative to contact the agency, to have a look at the borrower's current financial situation and, from there, come up with a workable solution that is mutual and beneficial.



Cardinal aims to wrap up Guam abuse probe before summer

VATICAN CITY (AP)— American Cardinal Raymond Burke says he's aiming to wrap up the sex abuse investigation involving Guam's suspended archbishop by the summer.

The Guam archdiocese said Burke left the Pacific island U.S. territory on Saturday after meeting last week with witnesses.

Burke, a top canon lawyer, is presiding over the church tribunal hearing the case against Archbishop Anthony Apuron, who faces multiple allegations of sex abuse of altar boys in the 1970s. Apuron has denied the claims and has not been criminally charged.

Burke denied Saturday he had been sent to Guam as "punishment," telling Italy's Mediaset it was normal for cardinals to take on extra jobs

in their areas of expertise.

Meanwhile, a former altar boy who accused Apuron of sexually abusing him refused Thursday to testify before a Vatican court headed by Burke on the grounds that he couldn't have his lawyer present.

Roland Sondia met with Burke and other Vatican officials who traveled to Guam to take testimony for the trial of Apuron, attorney David Lujan said.

Lujan said the proceedings were "worse" than he had expected because he wasn't allowed to be present to advise his client, who was to have been "questioned by the prosecutor, who is a priest, and Archbishop Apuron's lawyer, who is a priest, and a presider who is Cardinal Burke, and a notary who is also a priest."



Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Feb. 21, from 10am to 3:45pm
- Feb. 22, from 10am to 3:45pm
- Feb. 24, from 10am to 3:45pm

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

MIFICPA tax seminar on Feb. 25

The Marianas Institute of Filipino CPA's and Accountants will be hosting their annual tax seminar on Feb. 25 at the Raraina, Aqua Resort Club, from 8am to noon. This year's focus will be on tax updates for 2016 and 2017, changes in tax laws, tax filing requirements, and others.

David Burger, CPA, will be conducting the seminar. He is the managing partner of Burger, Comer, and Magliari.

Registration starts 7:30am. Registration fee for members is \$20. Non-members and non-accountants are also welcome for the same fee.

If you have any questions, email Angie Mamaril at angiemamaril@yahoo.com, Lois Manese at eloisa moanese@ vahoo.com, Rose Badidov at roseann.badidoy@yahoo. com, Butch Ordas at butchordas@yahoo.com, Gloria Balila at mgmbalila@yahoo.com, Michael Anthony Jordan at mkho 22@yahoo.com or Yho Villaviencio at yhubowl300@ gmail.com. (PR)

SHEFA deadline

To all new, ongoing, and returning applicants, the dead-

line for supporting documents for SHEFA financial assistance is Feb. 28, 2017. (PR)

Xavier entrance exam on Feb. 25

The Xavier High School entrance written exam will be administered on Feb. 25, at 8:30am at Mt. Carmel School. Interested test takers are encouraged to bring several No. 2 pencils, snacks, and water. Exam fee is \$10. There are two parts to the exam (English and math). Each exam lasts one hour and 30 minutes with a 15-minute break in between. Test takers should be prepared to be on the Mt. Carmel school grounds for three hours and 30 minutes from 8am to 11:30pm. Exam starts exactly at 8:30am. Interested exam takers are encouraged to RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 23, to reserve a seat a seat. Email ialafanso@gmail.com or call 285-8768. Xavier High School is a Jesuit Catholic school. (PR)

Bodybuilding federation to host fundraiser

The Northern Marianas Bodybuilding & Physique Federation will be holding a "Party in the Park" on Feb. 25. 2017, from 6pm to 9pm, at the Garapan Central Park (Roundhouse) to raise funds for our bodybuilders to compete in local and international competitions. The cost is \$20 per person.

The federation is preparing for the 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle competition to be held on March 25, 2017, and in July it will be holding the CNMI bodybuilding championships.

For tickets, contact Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807 or email jeanneesq@yahoo.com or Karen Davis, at 789-9214. (PR)



In this Oct. 14, 2015 file photo, Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke arrives for the presentation of his book Divine Love Made Flesh in Rome.

"We felt it wasn't in my client's best interest to be in that position," he said. He said Sondia may submit a written declaration instead.

Sondia, now an adult, has publicly accused Apuron of molesting him when he was 15.

Lujan said another witness—the mother of a deceased altar boy who also accused Apuron-would also refuse to testify.

It wasn't clear how the lack of testimony would affect the church trial. The alleged victims have sued Apuron, the archdiocese and other individual priests in U.S. courts, which could explain their reluctance to testify in a separate legal procedure. Those lawsuits were made possible

last year passed a law that lifts the civil statute of limitations for child sex abuse

The Vatican confirmed Thursday that Burke in October had been named presiding judge in the Vatican trial—an unusual revelation given that even the existence of such church trials is usually kept confidential. The after the Guam legislature Apuron case, though, has played out under heavy public scrutiny in Guam.

Burke's role raised eyebrows in Rome because he has recently been involved in some high-profile clashes with Pope Francis.

Burke, a top canon lawyer, had headed the Vatican's high court until 2014, when Francis removed him and named him patron of the Knights of Malta religious order. Francis recently sidelined Burke from that position after Burke was involved in the problematic ouster of a senior knight.

Burke's defense of church doctrine has made him a hero to conservative and traditionalist Catholics upset with Francis' mercy-over-morals priorities. He is one of four cardinals who asked Francis to clarify his controversial opening to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics.

Survivors of clerical abuse, though, have long criticized Burke's record as an archbishop in the U.S. in handling cases of abusive priests. Burke has said every act of abuse by clergy is a "grave evil." But he has also blamed gay clergy for the sex abuse crisis, saying priests "who were feminized and confused about their own sexual identity" were the ones who molested children.

Magazine raises thousands for Red Cross Guam

BARRIGADA, Guam—The 2016 Guam Business Magazine Executive of the Year Gala raised \$23,608.05 for the Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross, according to the magazine in an announcement on Friday.

The Red Cross has been the beneficiary of the event since

Marcos W. Fong, chairman of the Red Cross Guam Chapter, said, "We are pleased that this event continues to be one of the major fundraisers of the Red Cross in Guam. These funds support the local chapter in its work. Such efforts presently include placing smoke alarms in at-risk homes to allow residents notice of sudden fires and avoid tragedy, as well as the chapter's ongoing programs."

Jose C. "Joe" Ayuyu, president and owner of McDonald's of Guam and McDonald's of Saipan was named the 2016 Executive of the Year at the gala held on Jan. 21, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Other nominees for the award were:

- Dr. Vincent T. Akimoto, vice president, American Medical Center;
- Susan M. Biolchino, president, Graphic Center Inc. and All Micronesia Media Inc.;
- Charles E. Ewart, presi-

Mobil Oil Marianas Inc. and Mobil Oil Micronesia Inc.;

- Desmond J. Graham, president, Atkins Kroll Inc.;
- Stevyn J. Radonich, vice president and general manager, Smithbridge Guam Inc.;
- John W. Scragg, CEO and president, JWS Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Ltd. Guam and JWS Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Ltd. Saipan and CEO of JWS Holdings; and
- Jeffrey A. Voacolo, chief operations officer, Micronesia Renewable Energy Inc.

Past Executive of the Year recipients include Robert H. Jones of Triple J Enterprises dent, Mobil Oil Guam Inc., (1983); Philip J. Flores of

BankPacific (1985); Paul M. Calvo of Calvo Enterprises Inc. (1992); Marian Aldan-Pierce of DFS Saipan (2000); Juan T. Guerrero of Herman's Modern Bakery Inc. (2003); David M. Sablan of Century Group of Companies (2005); Jerry Tan of TanHoldings Inc. (2009); George Chiu of Tan-Holdings (2013); Norman T. Tenorio of Joeten Enterprises Inc. and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. on Saipan (2014); and Jeffrey B. Jones of Triple J Enterprises (2015).

Maureen N. Maratita, publisher of Guam Business, recognized the community support and thanked partners and sponsors. (PR)

Saipan Hash House Harriers donates \$866 to Karidat

The Saipan Hash House runs on Saturdays. Harriers donated \$866 to Karidat following their Red Dress/Lingerie Run on Feb. 11, 2017.

The Hash House Harriers or "Hashing" originated in December 1938 in Selayang Quarry, in Malaysia, when a group of British colonial officers and expatriates began meeting on Monday evenings to run, in a fashion patterned after the traditional British paper chase or "share and hounds," to rid themselves of the excesses of the previous weekend. The Saipan club

2,000 chapters in all parts of the world, and the Saipan Hash House Harriers started on Dec. 14, 1984. As of 2003, there are even two organized chapters operating in Antarctica.

The Hash House Harriers qualifies as the world's largest running club. Despite their size and having been founded in 1938, the Red Dress Run may be the only completely original idea they have ever had. And it happened nearly by accident. On Aug. 7, 1987, a young lady

At present, there are almost from an airplane that had of the globe, including Beilanded in southern California to visit a friend from her high school years. Shortly thereafter, she found herself transported to Long Beach, where her friend intended to introduce her to a zany running group called the "Hash House Harriers." One member, noting her gender and attire, urged that she "just wait in the truck" until her host returned. With that goading, she ran into history sporting her red dress and heels. The tradition of the Hash House Harriers Red Dress Run

wearing a red dress emerged quickly spread to every corner jing, Montreal, Ho Chi Minh City, Helsinki, Moscow, Tokyo, Washington, D.C., Hobart (Australia), and Saipan.

> Over the years, the Red Dress Run has been very successful in raising millions of dollars for a wide variety of local charities.

> This year the Saipan Hash House Harriers elected Karidat to be the beneficiary of their Red Dress/Lingerie Run, which is run on the Saturday closest to Valentine's Day in February. (PR)

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Confused by Trump-speak? Sad. Pathetic.

By REX HUPPKE

f you watched President Donald Trump's most recent news conference, you may have reached a point midway through when you thought: "That's strange, I don't recall buying a one-way ticket to Crazytown."

Don't be alarmed. That's a perfectly normal reaction, as most Americans are what I call "Trump-illiterate." They hear words coming out of the president's mouth but have no clue what those words actually mean.

For example, during his Thursday news conference, Trump talked about leaks coming from the intelligence community, saying, "The leaks are absolutely real. The news is fake."

Saying that a thing is real but reports about that thing are fake might seem like a logical fallacy. It's not, and Trump would call you very dumb for thinking such a thing. (That wouldn't be an insult. In Trumpglish, "very dumb" translates to "I'm frustrated because you're asking something I don't want to answer.")

The rough Trumpglish-to-English translation of "The leaks are absolutely real. The news is fake" is: "The leaks are absolutely real, which sucks. The news is also real, but I'm not going to admit it ever, ever, ever, ever."

Having majored in Trumpglish at Trump University, I'm happy to help my fellow citizens adapt to this new and wildly predictable language.

Here, then, is a list of commonly used Trumpglish words and phrases followed by their English translation.

Pad: Generally manys "good," particularly when applied to

Bad: Generally means "good," particularly when applied to something good that Trump considers bad.

Good: Not good at all. Trumpglish synonyms of this word include "the best," "the greatest," "spectacular," "amazing" and "so amazing."

Fake news: Real news that makes Trump look bad.

Dishonest media: Any media person or outlet reporting news that makes Trump look bad.

Honest reporter: Sean Hannity.

Fine-tuned machine: Complete and utter Dumpster fire.

The biggest Electoral College win since Ronald Reagan: My margin of victory ranked 46th out of 58 U.S. presidential elections.

The failing New York Times: The newspaper that has seen subscriptions soar since Trump was elected president.

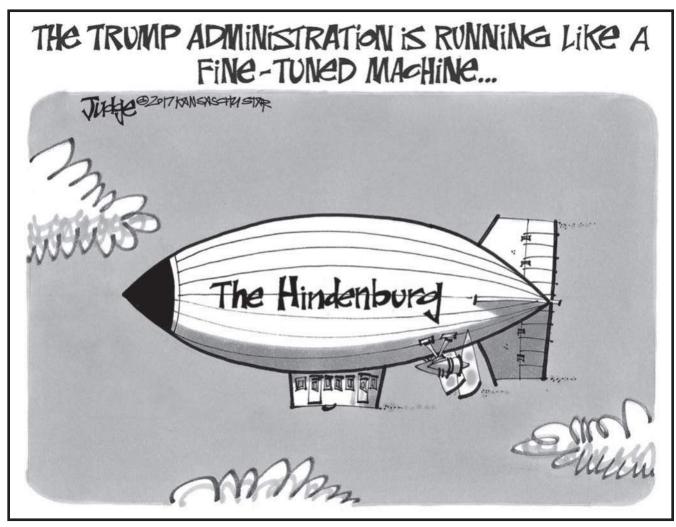
I am the least anti-Semitic person that you've ever seen in your entire life: I am a 70-year-old man who doesn't understand what anti-Semitism means, and I have curried favor with white nationalists who know exactly what anti-Semitism means.

I am the least racist person: I am a 70-year-old man who doesn't understand what racism means, and I've been using this line my entire life because it makes me feel better about myself.

Real Americans: People who voted for me and believe everything I say, even when I say things that make no sense, like: "The leaks are real. The news is fake."

Sad: Factual.

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How to make your voice heard in Washington

By GEORGE MILLER AND JOHN LAWRENCE LOS ANGELES TIMES

ince the November elections, we've seen unprecedented numbers of Americans speaking out on public policy. Voters want to influence their lawmakers on high-stakes issues from health care to climate change, education to immigration, foreign affairs to trade policy. The question, for many, is how to communicate effectively, especially when Washington sometimes seems impervious to the average citizen.

Between us, we've spent 80 years working in Congress and we know something about effective constituent communications. There are a handful of unwritten rules that can amplify your voice in these tempestuous times.

Every year, concerned groups and individuals flock to Washington to make their case on Capitol Hill. That's worthwhile, but there is an easier way, and one that may give you an even better chance of meeting face to face not with a staffer but with your senator and Congress member themselves.

Check the "full calendar" listings on web pages for the House and Senate _ or use the portal at the Library of Congress website www.congress.gov _ to see when a district or state "work period" is scheduled (one begins this weekend). That means your representatives will be in their home districts.

Call your representative's local office to find out when and where he or she will be holding office hours, touring schools and businesses, and holding town hall meetings.

Then call the legislator's D.C. office _ the operator at (202) 224-3121 can connect you _ and request a meeting in the district office. Be respectful but persistent; if your representatives can't see you during the upcoming district or state work period, when can they?

Make sure to explain that you are a constituent; politicians do not enjoy long careers if they snub their voters. Request a 10-minute meeting. Be clear about the topic and be flexible about when you can meet.

Assemble a small group of voters of various backgrounds who share your concerns and have expertise to share. If you want to advocate for or against an education matter, include a representative of a teachers group, PTA parents, special education advocates; if health care is your issue, bring along a doctor, a hospital administrator, or a patient advocate.

Know the status of the issue or the bill in question. Is it in committee; is it scheduled for the floor? Again, the Library of Congress website can help. Demonstrating knowledge of the legislative process will make your discussion more effective.

Argue your position clearly and simply, and be very specific about what you expect the legislator to do. Don't issue threats

or be confrontational. Keep the small talk brief and the meeting short; former Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., used to complain about meetings that go on and on because "everything has been said, but not everyone has said it." Choose your best spokesperson to make the case, take a picture and say thank you.

If you can't be part of a face-to-face meeting, calls, emails, texts, tweets and other communication can be effective. Follow the same rules as above: Be courteous, clear and brief, and always say what action you support. Despite public skepticism, legislators do pay attention when the calls and messages roll in; and don't forget letters to the editor, again co-signed by a diverse a group of constituents.

Consider a media strategy: You may be able to arrange to speak with reporters after a meeting to describe what your group requested and the response. And show up at the legislator's town halls or other public appearances: Sometimes, questions and issues need to be raised in public.

A key rule of politics is to assume nothing. You may think you know how your representative will vote, but it never hurts to weigh in to make sure. If your perspective is not heard and the other side's is, the legislator may feel pressured to cast a vote you would never have anticipated. Besides, politicians like to hear from supporters.

Follow-up is crucial as well; if you are granted a meeting, send a thank-you note immediately that reiterates your request. No matter how cordial the encounter, never presume you have persuaded anyone. The other side has cordial meetings too.

Continue to make calls and send emails as the issue is debated and the vote nears. No matter what happens, send another note: a thank you if you got the result you wanted, or a civil note of deep disappointment. Always maintain open communications and good relations; in politics, today's adversary is the crucial ally you may need on another issue.

You can extend your influence by joining or volunteering with advocacy organizations. Our suggestion: Throw your lot in with groups that have proven records of success rather than newly minted, single-issue start-ups.

You don't need to have been in politics for decades to know that you win some and you lose some. We hope this advice will help you win more often than you lose in this critical period for our country.

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Immigrants are human beings who just want a better life

mmigration laws are relatively new. These man-made laws were instituted long after countries and national boundaries were already in existence. When there were no immigration laws, people moved freely from one area to another. Famine, wars, natural disasters, plagues, poverty, personal problems, economic reasons, political oppression, etc. are the usual reasons for migration.

Today, even with these immigration laws, people still move and leave their home countries for the same reasons. They bravely risk their lives and safety; often exploited; tolerate extreme weather conditions; face strange cultures, discrimination and local hostilities; cope with loneliness and alienation. They go through all kinds of difficulties, sustained only by the hope that somehow they might find a better life.

Nowhere in the world is there a nation like the U.S. whose population consists mostly of immigrants or children of immigrants. It can even be argued that the entire population of the U.S. is totally composed of immigrants or children of immigrants since the forebears of American Indians migrated from Asia. Immigrants and their children from the four corners of the globe created this country. Ideas from their native lands, technical knowledge, trade secrets, new arts and philosophies, varieties of cultural ingenuity, their music, and all kinds of food are now integrated in American society and culture. All these together with their skills, talents and work ethic resulted in the creation and emergence of a uniquely great and powerful nation of immigrants.

The United States is a great nation not only because of her awesome political and economic power but for her continuous aspirations to live up to the highest ideals of the human race: individual freedoms, the right to happiness, free speech, free thought, equal protection for all in application of the laws, religious freedom, due process principles, racial equality, etc.

Even if these aspirations are not yet complete realities, they are national, global and spiritual goals worth pursuing.

The U.S. is a country where good and evil are constantly in conflict, but where good often prevails in the long run. There are so many genuinely good human beings here and also horribly evil ones. Even the government policies of this country throughout its history reflect this constant unending conflict between good and evil. Like a pendulum, the country's policies continuously swing back and forth from the evil side to the good side and back again.

The demonic genocide of American Indians, slavery, the extermination of entire barrios in the Philippines, segregation laws against blacks and Asians, the internment of Japanese

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Lies: Truth.

I'm sorry: (Definition not available as these words have never been spoken.)

Russians: Pals.

Putin: Best. Pal. Ever.

Leaks: Bad if they involve Trump, good if they involve anyone else

Inner City: The mysterious place where Trump believes all black people live.

A great wall: A pipe dream.

I'll be in Melbourne, Fla., five o'clock on Saturday and I heard—just heard that the crowds are massive that want to be there: I'm a transparently fragile man who was not hugged enough as a child, and I desperately need to believe that I am loved and powerful.

We're doing very well: This is hard and everything's falling apart, please impeach me so I can go back to television.

Thank you: I hate you.

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Americans in Word War II, dropping atomic bombs against the Japanese civilian population, racially discriminatory immigration laws, the mass murder and napalm bombing of innocent Vietnamese villagers, the use of torture against military and political prisoners, etc. These were the results of the pendulum swinging to the dark side.

But the swings of the pendulum to the good side rectified these moral distortions: Slavery was eliminated; Indians were compensated with billions of dollars for their damages and their lands; higher education and national health care were established in the Philippines; segregation laws were abolished; a national apology and monetary compensation were provided to Japanese American internees; U.S. aid to Japan led to its economic resurgence after WWII; racial and national origins discrimination was removed from U.S. immigration laws; a friendlier relationship was established with the Vietnamese government; torture was discarded as a state policy, etc.

Immoral state policies that cause so much suffering hurt all of us in one way or another. Conversely, policies that help human beings find better lives create a better, kinder world.

With the Trump administration's harsh immigration policies, thousands in immigrant communities throughout America now live in fear. The new government policy includes the hiring of around 10,000 new personnel who will hunt down out-of-status individuals and families and seek their speedy removal. Raids by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) throughout the U.S. are currently being conducted.

Immigration and human rights lawyers will continue to contest the constitutionality and propriety of new policies and procedures that cause so much human suffering.

Generally, there are three groups of immigrants who come to the U.S. Group one is composed of those who are more fortunate than the others and have an easier time migrating here. These are those who have U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident relatives who can easily file immigrant visa petitions for them; those with enough money who come as investors; those with good educations in professions which are much needed. Highly qualified professionals can do self-petitions for immigrant visas or employers can file petitions for them.

The second group is composed of refugees—men, women and children who were displaced and became homeless because of war, natural calamities, and other disastrous situations. They undergo about two years of careful screening and vetting before being able to enter the U.S.

The third group is composed of out-of-status immigrants—also referred to as undocumented immigrants—and all just hoping for a better life. These are the overstaying visitors (tourists or businessmen), students, workers on temporary working visas and crewmen; or those who crossed the Canadian or Mexican border. Those from Mexico have a much harder time coming to the U.S. often paying "coyotes" (human smugglers) to bring them here. Canadians can easily come as visitors.

Sooner or later, those who are here illegally usually find some kind of immigration relief depending on the facts of their situation. To mention a few: Marriage to a U.S. citizen; political or some other kind of asylum; presence in the U.S. for more than 10 years and having a U.S. citizen child or parent who will suffer extreme hardship if the alien is removed (deported); immigration legislation for an individual filed by a congressman or senator; utilization of special laws for those who arrived in the U.S. before the age of 16 or some other fitting law that provides for legalization; etc. An experienced, imaginative, creative expert immigration lawyer can often find ways to legalize those without legal immigration status or find ways to prevent removal (deportation).

My priority advice to those without legal status: Be aware that the protection of the U.S. Constitution's due process rights clause apply to you. You cannot be removed from the U.S. without a hearing before an immigration judge. If you get arrested by ICE agents, make sure you assert this right. If you sign a form where you are waiving this right, you can immediately be summarily deported. Be aware of what you are signing.

Also try to seek ready access to a competent and honest immigration lawyer who is sensitive and sympathetic to really help

By TED LAGUATAN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ted Laguatan, a San Francisco-based human rights lawyer, is the lawyer for U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance.



you and does not worship Mamon. How can you tell? Ask his (or her) clients about their experiences with him. Immigration lawyers, especially these days, are very busy. Access to a good honest lawyer when you need him is very important.

A situation I find personally galling and disturbing are some Filipinos and others in the first immigrant group who acquired their immigrant visas relatively easily and expect everybody else to come to the U.S. like them. They express so much antipathy for those who are here illegally. They support harsh immigration laws and policies and even wish out-of-status fellow Filipinos and undocumented others to be deported. They demonize undocumented immigrants, falsely accusing them of taking jobs from U.S. citizens or receiving welfare funds (which is not true as the undocumented are not qualified for these funds). They show no compassion for their fellow human beings.

Filipinos who are in unlawful status often work hard at different jobs and are able to provide food, shelter, health care and education to their families back in the Philippines with their regular remittances. They also contribute much to the Philippine economy. They deserve much respect, admiration, and support. I wish that the Philippine government were more committed to helping them. How?

Many embassy and consulate personnel are well meaning but they cannot provide the needed competent expert legal advice on immigration matters. Being in the private sector and not wishing to dictate consular policies but understanding the immigration problems of many Filipinos, I can only suggest for them to consult with competent immigration lawyers so that they know the applicable laws and the procedures involved.

With this knowledge, they can better help the many who need immigration assistance. These are anxiety filled times for many undocumented Pinoys. They really need help.

We do not choose the circumstances of our birth nor situations which force us to risk going to another country for our safety and survival. We sometimes need to violate man-made laws like immigration laws—as long as we don't hurt others—in order to follow higher God-made laws which call for our survival or the survival of our loved ones.

I understand the need for immigration laws. But those which I fully support are humane, reasonable immigration laws and policies that recognize the pressures that cause human beings to look for a better life outside their homelands and take into consideration humanitarian issues as we are all part of the human family. Out-of-status immigrants should not be treated like common criminals or like animals. Our compassion for other human beings differentiates us from beasts.

The heated immigration debate that currently divides the U.S. is a real conflict between those who genuinely care for their fellowmen no matter what race or nationality or religion they may have and those who only care about their own selves who are engaged in the politics of hate because of their blind selfishness and irrational fears. It's a real conflict between good and evil, between love and hate, between heaven and hell.

So many great Americans were immigrants or children of immigrants. America's greatness as a nation is a direct result of non-discriminatory and humane immigration laws that enabled so many brilliant and good people to come here who created a great nation and a better world.

So many Americans and other people around the globe realize this and that is why millions of Americans and global citizens are demonstrating and protesting against the new administration's extremely harsh new immigration policies.

The Weather

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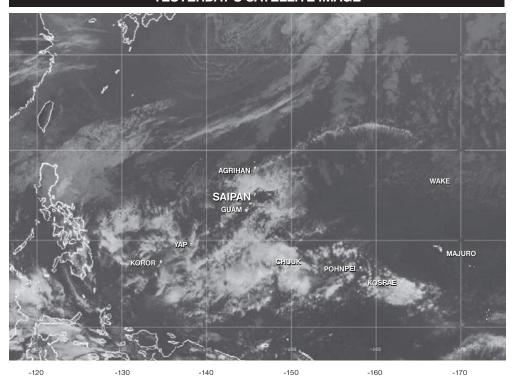
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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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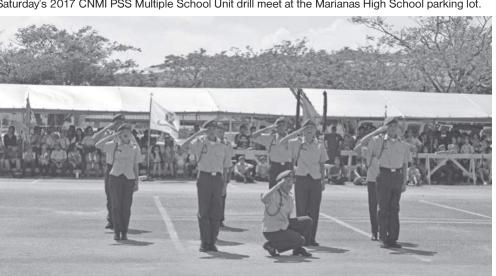
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JROTC Drill Meet

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ



The Tinian Junior-Senior High School's armed exhibition team is in formation before their routine in last Saturday's 2017 CNMI PSS Multiple School Unit drill meet at the Marianas High School parking lot.



Marianas High School Dolphin Battalion's unarmed exhibition squad.



Rota's Chamorro Buck Battalion in formation.



Kagman High School's Ayuyu Battalion take part in the unarmed exhibition.



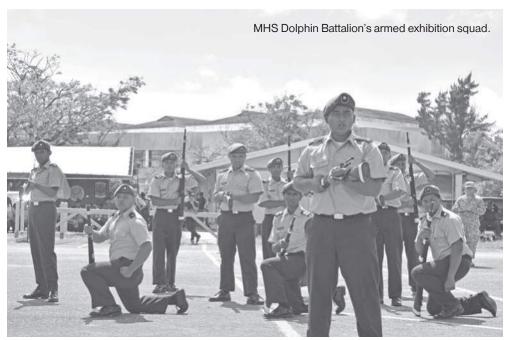
Saipan Southern High School's commandant Capt. Joanna Yutuc, right, leads her unit in the unarmed exhibition.



 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{Rota's Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior-Senior High School competes in the armed exhibition.}$



A Manta Ray Battalion member, right, prepares to catch his rifle.



Business

WASHINGTON (AP)—Presidents since Franklin Delano Roosevelt have loved to tour Boeing factories. The lessons they draw from their time on the factory floor—and the inevitable photo opportunity beside shiny new airplanes—can differ wildly.

President Donald Trump on Friday touted the latest Boeing 787 Dreamliner as proof of a coming American manufacturing renaissance. He toured the South Carolina facility and hailed it as a sign of steps toward generating more U.S factory jobs.

Nearly five years ago, President Barack Obama made a similar visit to the facility in Everett, Washington. His message: America needs to prepare for the loss of factory jobs to automation and retool its economy.

The contrast speaks to the fundamental difference between Trump and Obama's economic policies. Where Trump promises a return to a brawny America full of factory jobs, Obama sought to increase exports and manufacturing output to help support job creation elsewhere in the services sector.

Trump blames factory job losses on cheap foreign labor and trade pacts. His speech at the Boeing plant in North Charleston, South Carolina, never once touched on the increasing role of robots on assembly lines. It glossed over Boeing's own statement that 30 percent of the parts for the 787 fleet come from foreign factories.

"Our goal as a nation must be to rely less on imports and more on products made here



in the USA," Trump said. "We're going to fight for every last American job."

He proudly referenced the evolution of airplanes as proof of U.S. competitiveness. The Wright brothers invented a small wooden plane that first flew in 1903, Trump said, a far cry from the use of carbon fiber in the newest 787, which has room for 330 passengers.

The threat to U.S. workers comes not from advanced technology but from factories

that have moved manufacturing overseas, Trump said something he pledged to stop, saying, "There will be a very substantial penalty to be paid."

Obama, too, highlighted the advancements of the 787 when speaking at a Boeing factory in 2012. But what he saw was new technology and computers making companies more efficient, allowing them to rely on fewer workers and set up shop almost anywhere with an internet connection.

"The hard truth is a lot

of those jobs aren't going to come back because of these increased efficiencies," Obama said from the factory floor. "We can't bring every job back. Anybody who says we can, they're not telling you the truth."

The key, Obama said, was to increase the manufacturing output of high-quality products and sell those goods abroad, something that would require fewer workers than in the past. But the profits from a stronger manufacturing sector

would have a spillover effect and create jobs at restaurants, stores and other parts of the economy.

The prospect of more retail jobs did little to inspire voters in November, who turned to Trump even though Obama delivered job gains of 11.5 million during his eight years in office.

But the Boeing 787 being celebrated by Trump also helps to validate Obama's description of changes in U.S. manufacturing. Subcon-

tractors that contribute parts to the fleet of planes include firms in Japan, South Korea, France, Canada, Turkey, Australia and China, according to a report by aviation consultant Teal Group.

"Jet makers are basically looking for best technology," said Teal consultant Richard Aboulafia. "In the case of low-tech parts, they're looking for lower cost, but the strong majority of components come from high-skill, high-wage countries."

IMF agrees terms for \$5 billion loan to debt-ridden Mongolia

BEIJING (AP)—The International Monetary Fund said Sunday that it and other partners have agreed on terms for a more than \$5 billion loan package to the Mongolian government to help get the north Asian country's economy back on track.

The deal is subject to ap-

proval by the IMF's executive board, which is expected to consider Mongolia's request in March.

According to the terms agreed by the Mongolian government and IMF envoys, the IMF would provide \$440 million over three years. The Asian Development Bank,

World Bank, Japan and South Korea are together expected to provide up to \$3 billion, and the People's Bank of China is expected to extend its 15 billion RMB (\$2 billion) swap line with the Bank of Mongolia for at least another three years, the IMF statement said.

rich Mongolia has been hit hard in recent years by a sharp decline in commodity prices and a collapse in foreign direct investment.

Mongolia's national debt now stands at about \$23 billion, or twice the annual economic output, and a \$580 million payment to foreign

bondholders is due March 21.

The IMF statement said the loan agreement would mean Mongolia has to strengthen its banking system and adopt fiscal reforms to ensure that budget discipline is maintained.

Generally, terms required by the IMF as a condition for such lending often prompt complaints in borrower countries that the conditions hurt the poor or undercut economic growth by reducing social spending or investment in public facilities.

Adding to Mongolia's woes is an exceptionally cold winter for the second successive year, which the Red Cross warned last week was putting the livelihoods of more than 150,000 nomadic herders and family members at risk.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China suspends coal imports from North Korea over missiles

BEIJING (AP)—China on Sunday began a suspension of all coal imports from North Korea for the rest of the year as it increases pressure on its communist neighbor to give up its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The ban is in line with U.N. Security Council sanctions imposed in November in response to North Korea's fifth nuclear test two months earlier, the

Commerce Ministry said in an online statement Saturday. China had already banned coal imports from North Korea in April last year, but those restrictions allowed some imports for civilian use. China is North Korea's largest source of trade and aid and Sunday's suspension will deprive Pyongyang of an important source of foreign currency. Beijing has come under pressure from President Donald Trump to lean harder on Pyongyang,

but Beijing says its influence is limited.

The economy of mineral-

Kraft still hungry for Unilever after rejected offer

NEW YORK (AP)—Kraft Heinz is attempting to buy Unilever in a \$143 billion deal that would join the U.S. maker of cheeses and lunch meats with the European producer of mayo, teas and seasonings in a global powerhouse. Unilever rejected the approach and called the price too low, while Kraft Heinz says it's still interested in a deal. The shares of both companies surged to new highs as investors saw prospects for cost cutting. A combination of Kraft Heintz, which sells Oscar Mayer meats, Jell-O pudding and Velveeta cheese, and Unilever, which owns brands including Hellmann's, Lipton and Knorr, would rival Nestle as the world's biggest packaged food maker by sales. That might not lead to big changes that customers

would notice on the supermarket shelves. But it's people's changing tastes, shifting away from boxed and canned groceries in favor of items that seem fresher or healthier, that are driving deal-making in the food industry.

Chrysler recalls some cars for loose bolts

NEW YORK (AP)—Fiat Chrysler says it is recalling some Chrysler cars because driveshaft bolts can come loose on all-wheel drive mod-

els, increasing the risk of a crash. The automaker says affected cars include 2014-2017 Dodge Charger and Chrysler 300 vehicles equipped with all-wheel drive. Chrysler says it will notify owners, and dealers will replace all eight front driveshaft bolts for the cars, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 31. About 75,000 cars are affected in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. There have been no reports nor accidents or injuries.

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Nation

Trump rallies supporters by renewing old promises, insults

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP)—Just four weeks into his administration, President Donald Trump appeared at a campaign rally that mirrored the months leading up to Election Day, complete with promises to repeal the health care law, insults for the news media and a playlist highlighted by the Rolling Stones.

"I want to be among my friends and among the people," Trump told a cheering crowd packed into an airport hangar in central Florida, praising his "truly great movement."

Trump promised anew to build a border wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, reduce regulations and create jobs. He also pledged to "do something over the next couple of days" to address the immigration order that has been blocked in the courts. Said Trump: "We don't give up, we never give up."

Insisting he was the victim



Kelly: Trump is working on a 'streamlined' travel ban

MUNICH (AP)—President Donald Trump is working on a "streamlined" version of his executive order banning travel from seven predominantly Muslim nations to iron out the difficulties that landed his first order in the courts, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said Saturday.

Speaking on a panel about combating terrorism at the Munich Security Conference, Kelly said Trump's original order was designed as a "temporary pause" to allow him to "see where our immigration and vetting system has gaps—and gaps it has—that could be exploited."

He said the Trump administration was surprised when U.S. courts blocked it from implementing the executive order and now "the president is contemplating releasing a tighter, more streamlined version" of the travel ban.

Kelly said this next time he will be able to "make sure that there's no one caught in the system of moving from overseas to our airports."

Asked whether that meant Trump's new executive order would allow people with green cards and visas to come into the United States, Kelly said "it's a good assumption."

But he went on to say that only people with visas who were already in transit would be allowed in. For others, he said, "we will have a short phase-in period to make sure that people on the other end don't get on airplanes."

He did not elaborate on whether this would apply to green card holders as well.

Among the security challenges, Kelly said, was that the U.S. does not have "strong counter-terrorism partnerships" with the countries in question or "robust information on individuals traveling from these countries" to be able to make a good risk assessments before their citizens traveled to the United States.

The nations affected by the original ban were Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Kelly mentioned "seven nations" again on Saturday, leading to speculation they will all be included in Trump's next executive order.

The U.S. needs to "find ways to vet in a more reliable way to satisfy us that the people that are coming to the United States are, in fact, coming for the right reasons," he said.

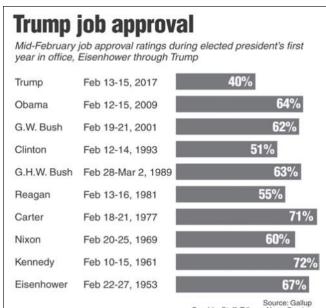
Asked about the effectiveness of a blanket ban on seven countries, fellow panelist Thomas de Maiziere, Germany's top security official, suggested it could be counterproductive.

"To ban whole countries perhaps could create more collateral damage, and perhaps does not produce more security," he said. "The more precise you do it, the more effective you are." of false reporting, Trump said his White House was running "so smoothly" and that he "inherited one big mess." The president has been trying refocus after reports of disarray and dysfunction within his administration.

Speaking to reporters on Air Force One before the rally, Trump said he was holding a campaign rally because "life is a campaign."

"To make America great again is absolutely a campaign," he said. "It's not easy, especially when we're also fighting the press."

And he's also had to contend with crowds of protesters. Thousands of them were



President Donald Trump points to his wife, first lady Melania Trump during a campaign rally Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at Orlando-Melbourne International Airport, in Melbourne, Fla.

out on the streets of Dallas and Los Angeles to oppose immigration enforcement raids and to support immigrants and refugees generally. In Los Angeles, an organizer urged local authorities not to spend money on immigration enforcement.

Trump, who held a rally in the same spot in Florida in September, clearly relished being back in front of his supporters, welcoming the cheers and letting one supporter up on stage to offer praise for the president. He also enjoyed reliving his surprise victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

First lady Melania Trump introduced her husband at the rally, reciting the Lord's Prayer before offering her own pledge to act in the best interest of all Americans as she pursues initiatives she says will impact women and children around the world.

The event had the familiar trappings of a Trump campaign rally, including red Trump caps, "Make America Great Again" and "Trump/Pence" signs and at least one sign reading "Hillary for Prison." Some of the speakers ahead of Trump's appearance called for repealing and replacing President Barack Obama's health care law, criticized the news media or lobbed barbs at Clinton, other constants of last year's rallies.

AP Exclusive: Hundreds of Texans may have voted improperly

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Texas election officials have acknowledged that hundreds of people were allowed to bypass the state's toughest-in-thenation voter ID law and improperly cast ballots in the November presidential election by signing a sworn statement instead of showing a photo ID.

The chief election officers in two of the state's largest counties are now considering whether to refer cases to local prosecutors for potential perjury charges or violations of election law. Officials in many other areas say they will simply let the mistakes go, citing widespread confusion among poll workers and voters.

The Texas law requires voters to show one of seven approved forms of identification to cast ballots. It was softened in August to allow people without a driver's license or

other photo ID to sign an affidavit declaring that they have an impediment to obtaining required identification.

Even after the affidavits were introduced, voters who possess an acceptable photo ID were still required to show it at the polls.

The revelations come as President Donald Trump makes frequent claims that the nation's voting systems are vulnerable to fraud. The president has repeatedly said, without citing any evidence, that he would have won the popular vote if not for 3 million to 5 million immigrants in the country illegally who voted for his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

An Associated Press analysis of roughly 13,500 affidavits submitted in Texas' largest counties found at least 500 instances in which voters were

allowed to get around the law by signing an affidavit and never showing a photo ID, despite indicating that they possessed one.

Others used the sworn declarations to lodge protest statements against the law.

One affidavit from Hidalgo County, along the Texas-Mexico border, read: "Did not want to 'pander' to government requirement." In Tarrant County, an election judge noted on an affidavit: "Had photo ID but refused to show it."

"If we see that somebody blatantly says 'I have ID' and refused to show it, we're going to turn that over to the D.A.," said Stephen Vickers, chief deputy elections administrator for Tarrant County, which includes Fort Worth. "If they tried to use the affidavit to get around the system, yeah, I see that as a violation."

The disclosures came as top Texas Republicans cheered the case of a Mexican national who was sentenced to eight years in prison for illegal voting. Rosa Maria Ortega was convicted earlier this month on two felony counts of illegal voting over allegations she improperly cast a ballot five times between 2005 and 2014 in Tarrant County. Her attorney has said Ortega was a permanent U.S. resident who mistakenly thought she was eligible to vote.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton, both Republicans, cited the case as proof that voter fraud is real and requires preventative measures. Abbott crowed via Twitter: "In Texas you will pay a price for Voter Fraud."

His office did not return a request for comment from the AP

Asia

Filipino Catholics protest drug killings, death penalty

MANILA, **Philippines** (AP)-Thousands of Catholics joined a march with church leaders in Manila on Saturday in one of the largest shows of opposition against President Rodrigo Duterte's deadly crackdown against illegal drugs and attempts to revive the death penalty.

Police estimated that at least 10,000 people joined the "Walk for Life" march and rally starting at dawn at Rizal Park, carrying placards that read "Choose life" and "No to death penalty." Organizers gave a larger estimate of the crowd.

It's the latest sign of the Roman Catholic Church's increasing activism against a government crackdown that has left thousands of drug suspects dead and efforts by pro-Duterte legislators to reimpose capital punishment as early as next month.

Catholic bishops expressed their deep concern over the drug killings in a recent statement read in churches across the country.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas, who heads the country's bishops, said no civilized country should allow such illegal actions to continue unabated. "They ought to be judged by the court of law and never by the extrajudicial means," Villegas said in a statement, where he also hit at efforts by legislators to reimpose the death penalty.

Duterte, a longtime city mayor before being elected to the presidency in May on an anti-crime platform, has asked Congress to revive the death penalty, preferably by public hanging. That, along with his pro-birth control stance and threats to kill criminals, has put him on a collision course with the church in Asia's largest Catholic nation.

"Execution is murder,' Vil-

that killing is wrong by killing those who kill."

Duterte has been antagonistic to the influential church, once calling it "the most hypocritical institution" and lashing out at some local bishops he accused of corruption and sexual abuse.

The foul-mouthed president shocked Roman Catholics two years ago when he fired off an expletive while legas said. "We cannot teach expressing his disgust over

a monstrous traffic jam that trapped him while Pope Francis was visiting Manila.

> He later apologized after Filipino bishops expressed shock and outrage.

Sen. Leila de Lima, one

of the most vocal critics of Duterte's bloody anti-drug campaign, joined Saturday's rally. State prosecutors charged her in court Friday for allegedly receiving bribes from detained drug lords, an

Thousands of Roman Catholics sina religious sonas followina a "Walk for Life" march around Manila's Rizal Park to oppose the revival of the death penalty by the Philippine Congress as well as the killings of drug users and drug pushers in the socalled war on drugs by President Rodrigo Duterte at dawn Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 in Ma-

nila, Philippines. allegation she has staunchly

The prosecutors alleged that de Lima, while she was justice secretary under President Benigno Aquino, received huge bribes from detained drug lords to finance her senatorial campaign last year. The bribes were allegedly solicited by her former driver and lover, who was also charged.

If judges, who would handle the three separate complaints, assess that there are strong evidence against her, they may decide to issue a warrant for her arrest.

When she was a top human rights official, de Lima tried unsuccessfully to have Duterte prosecuted when he was still a city mayor for unlawful deaths occurring during his deadly anti-drug crackdown.



Malaysia searches for 4 N. Korean suspects who left country

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Investigators are looking for four North Korean men who flew out of Malaysia the same day Kim Jong Nam, the North Korean ruler's outcast half brother, was apparently poisoned at an airport in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian

police said Sunday.

Since Kim's death last week, authorities have been trying to piece together details of what appeared to be an assassination. Malaysian police have so far arrested four people carrying IDs from North Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

On Sunday, the Deputy National Police Chief of Malaysia, Noor Rashid Ibrahim, said four other suspects were on the run. He said the men were North Korean and had flown out of the country last Monday, when Kim died.

"I am not going disclose where they are," he told a room packed with journalists. Interpol was helping with the investigation, he said.

Noor Rashid showed photographs of the four North Korean men police were trying to track down. They were traveling on regular—not diplomatic—passports and are ages 33, 34, 55 and 57.

He also said there was a fifth North Korean man whom authorities wanted to question.

A rotund man in his mid-40s. Kim Jong Nam was waiting for his flight home to Macau when, authorities say, he was set upon by two women. He sought help at a customer service desk and said "two unidentified women had swabbed or had wiped his face with a liquid and that he felt dizzy," Noor Rashid said Sunday.

Kim died en route to a hospital after suffering a seizure, officials say.

Noor Rashid said Sunday that he expected autopsy results to be released within days. "We have to send a sample to the chemistry department, we have to send a sample for toxicology tests,"

Investigators also want to speak to Kim Jong Nam's next of kin to identify the body. He is believed to have two sons and a daughter with two women living in Beijing and Macau.

"We haven't met the next of kin," Noor Rashid said. "We are working, we are trying very hard to get the next of kin to come and to assist us in the investigation."

The case has raised tensions between Malaysia and North Korea. Pyongyang officials have demanded custody of Kim's body and strongly objected to an autopsy, saying they will reject any results. The Malaysians went ahead with the autopsy anyway, saying they were simply following procedure.

Kang Chol, North Korea's ambassador to Malaysia, said that Malaysia may be "trying to conceal something" and that the autopsy was carried out "unilaterally and excluding our attendance."

ASIAN BRIEFS

MANILA,

PH senator charged with accepting druglinked bribes

Philippines

(AP)—The Philippines' former justice secretary, a senator and prominent critic of President Rodrigo Duterte's deadly anti-drug crackdown, was charged Friday by prosecutors accusing her of receiving bribes from detained drug lords. Sen. Leila de Lima denied the charges and characterized the case as "political persecution." When she was a top human rights official, de Lima tried unsuccessfully to have Duterte prosecuted when he was still a city mayor for unlawful deaths occurring during his deadly anti-drug crackdown Duterte expanded the crackdown nationwide after becoming president in June, and de Lima has continued to criticize him since she became a senator last year. Thousands of mostly suspected drug users and small-time drug peddlers have died since then, and human rights groups have urged independent investigations of whether some of those killed were victims of state-sanctioned extrajudicial killings.

Duterte and other officials

say those killed by policemen fought back and the government will never countenance unlawful killings.

Pakistan shuts key border crossing in wake of shrine attack

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani authorities shut down a second key border crossing into Afghanistan, halting trade supplies to the neighboring landlocked country and increasing tensions between the two nations in the wake of a bloody suicide bombing at a beloved shrine in Pakistan, officials said Saturday. The border closure at Chaman in southwest Baluchistan province came after an attack on a Sufi shrine in southern Pakistan on Thursday left 88 worshippers dead. The move was seen as an effort to pressure Kabul to take action against militants who Pakistan says have sanctuaries in Afghanistan. Responsibility for the attack at Lal Shahbaz Qalander shrine in Sehwan was claimed by the Islamic State group. Pakistan security forces have launched nationwide operations that they say have left more than 100 "terrorists" dead.

Pakistan closed the border at Torkham hours after the bombing and the Chaman border was shut late Friday, said a senior army official.

China police arrest mine manager in explosion death cover-up

BEIJING (AP)—Police in central China's Hunan province have arrested a coal mine manager on suspicion of under-reporting the death toll from an explosion this week. The official Xinhua News Agency reported Saturday that the official death toll climbed to 10 after investigators found a miner who had been listed as "injured" in the Tuesday blast. The agency said that police detained a manager surnamed Liu on suspicion of covering up the death. Authorities at the "high gas" Zubao Coal Mine initially said that nine out of 29 people working in the pit had died. Gas explosions inside mines are often caused when a flame or electrical spark ignites gas leaking from the coal seam. Three local government officials including two deputy mayors are also under investigation.

World

Pence says US to hold Russia accountable, stand with NATO

MUNICH (AP)—U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on Saturday conveyed a message to jittery partners that the Trump administration will "hold Russia accountable" and maintain steadfast support for NATO, a military alliance the American commander in chief once dismissed as "obsolete."

In his overseas debut as vice president, Pence told the audience at the Munich Security Conference that the U.S. would be "unwavering" in its commitment to NATO and that President Donald Trump would "stand with Europe." Pence pointed to their shared "noble ideals - freedom, democracy, justice and the rule of law."

Addressing the violence in Ukraine, Pence said the U.S. would demand that Russia honor a 2015 deal to end violence in eastern Ukraine between government forces and Russia-backed separatists. He did not mention findings by U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia interfered in last year's presidential election to help Trump win the White House.

"Know this: The United States will continue to hold Russia accountable, even as we search for new common ground which as you know President Trump believes can be found," Pence said.



Pence's address and a series of one-on-one meetings with world leaders along the sidelines here sought to calm nervous European allies who

remain concerned about Russian aggression, including its annexation of Crimea. Many have been alarmed by Trump's positive statements about Russian President Vladimir Putin. Pence's speech aimed to reassure international partners who worry that Trump may pursue isolationist tendencies.

After his speech, Pence met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who called for the maintenance of international alliances and told the audience, with Pence seated nearby, that NATO is "in the American interest."

Sergey Lavrov, Russia's foreign minister, told the conference after Pence's speech that Moscow wanted

"pragmatic relations" with the U.S. He said he hoped that "responsible leaders" would choose to create a "just world order, if you want you can call it a post-West world order."

European countries along Russia's border are rattled by the prospect of deeper U.S.-Russia ties after Trump suggested sanctions - contrary to the opinions of Merkel and other world leaders imposed after Russia's annexation of Crimea could be eased in exchange for a nuclear weapons deal. The president referred to NATO as "obsolete" in an interview before his inauguration, but has since tempered his lanimportance of the alliance during telephone conversations with foreign leaders.

But mindful that the new U.S. president often lashes out on Twitter, some attendees remained skeptical that the speech represented Trump's thinking and said his foreign policy moves would be closely watched.

"We are waiting for actions," said Polish President Andrzej Duda. "We only know what the media has reported and the statements that we've got. Now we are waiting for actions of the new government of Donald Trump."

Wrote U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., on Twitguage and has stressed the ter: "Looks like we have 2 nali Yildirim.

governments. @VP just gave speech about shared values btwn US and Europe as @ POTUS openly wages war on those values.'

Michael Chertoff, a former Homeland Security secretary under U.S. President George W. Bush, noted that Pence's comments about NATO and Europe echoed assurances given by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. "They've all been consistent about the fact that there is a strong, deep and enduring commitment to Europe and to NATO and I think that message has been received," Chertoff said.

In his remarks, Pence also reinforced the Trump administration's message that NATO members must spend more on defense.

NATO's 28-member countries committed in 2014 to spending 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense within a decade. But only the U.S. and four other members of the post-World War II military coalition are meeting the standard, Pence said.

Failure to meet the commitment, he said, "erodes the very foundation of our alliance.'

"Let me be clear on this point: The president of the United States expects our allies to keep their word, to fulfill this commitment and, for most, that means the time has come to do more," Pence said.

In a day of meetings and photo ops, Pence was sitting down with the leaders of the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and separately with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko-countries dealing with the threat of Russian incursion. The vice president also scheduled a meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Bi-

WORLD BRIEFS

Iraqi forces launch push to retake western **Mosul from IS**

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—Iraqi forces launched an operation Sunday to retake the western half of Mosul from the Islamic State group. Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi announced the start of the operation early Sunday morning on state television, saying government forces were moving to "liberate the people of Mosul from Daesh oppression forever", using the Arabic acronym for IS. Southwest of Mosul, near the city's IS-held airport, plumes of smoke were seen rising into the sky as coalition aircraft bombed militant positions. Further south at an Iraqi base, federal police forces were gathering and getting ready to move north. Iraqi forces took control of eastern Mosul last month, but the west remains in the hands of entrenched extremists. Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, is roughly split in half by the Tigris River. The battle for Mosul's western half is expected to be prolonged and difficult, due to denser population and older, narrower streets.

Voters in Ecuador set to choose between change, continuity

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)-Ecuadoreans will choose Sunday between a candidate who vows to continue President Rafael Correa's populist platform or one of several more conservative contenders who pledge to attack corruption and cut taxes to stimulate the Andean nation's flagging economy. Polls suggest it will be a tight election, with no candidate likely to garner enough votes to win the first round. But a third of voters until recently were undecided amid low-energy campaigning as the charismatic Correa prepares to retire from politics. The outcome will be watched closely in Latin America, where conservative leaders in Argentina, Brazil and Peru have assumed power in the past 18 months after the end of a commodities boom that boosted leftists like Correa. Outside the region, much of the interest in the election focuses on what the outcome will mean for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and his ability to remain at the Ecuadorean embassy in London.

26 people detained after Turkey car bomb attack

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkish Soylu said the explosion killed news agency that the outlawed group or Kurdish militants. been detained following a car bomb attack, which killed two people in the southeast of the country.

The car bomb exploded Friday near the lodgings of judges and prosecutors in the mainly Kurdish town of Viransehir in Sanliurfa province, bordering Syria. Footage from the scene showed a heavily damaged building and wrecked cars.

In a news conference at the town's courthouse Saturday, Interior Minister Suleyman

officials say 26 people have the 11-year-old son of a court Kurdistan Workers' Party, or More than 550 people have clerk and a 27-year-old neighborhood guard.

Eleven people remain hospitalized including the public prosecutor's wife, stated the minister. Two are in critical condition.

The governor's office announced Saturday that 26 people who have been detained include the owner of the van, which was loaded with explosives and parked near the government housing.

Governor Gungor Azim Tuna told state-run Anadolu PKK, is responsible.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence met with Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim in Germany and expressed his condolences for the attack. "The Vice President reiterated the United States' commitment to Turkey as a strategic partner and NATO ally," a White House statement said.

Turkey has been hit by a series of violent attacks since the summer of 2015, which were blamed on the Islamic State been killed in these attacks.

The PKK has targeted security personnel and state buildings with car bombs since a cease-fire collapsed in 2015. Turkey and its Western allies consider the group a terrorist organization.

According to the non-profit International Crisis Group, at least 2,571 people have been killed in armed clashes since, including civilians, state security force members, Kurdish militants and youth of unknown affiliations.



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Satsuki Ina was born behind barbed wire in a prison camp during World War II, the daughter of U.S. citizens forced from their home without due process and locked up for years following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

Roughly 120,000 Japanese immigrants and Japanese-Americans were sent to desolate camps that dotted the West because the government claimed they might plot against the U.S. Thousands were elderly, disabled, children or infants too young to know the meaning of treason. Two-thirds were citizens.

And now, as survivors commemorate the 75th anniversary of the executive order that authorized their incarceration, they're also speaking out to make sure that what happened to them doesn't happen to Muslims, Latinos or other groups.

They're alarmed by recent executive orders from President Donald Trump that limit travel and single out immigrants.

In January, Trump banned travelers from seven majority Muslim nations from entering the U.S., saying he wanted to thwart potential attackers from slipping into the country. A

issue a replacement order next

"We know what it sounds like. We know what the mood of the country can be. We know a president who is going to see people in a way that could victimize us," said Ina, a 72-yearold psychotherapist who lives in Oakland, California.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, to protect against espionage and sabotage. Notices appeared ordering people of Japanese descent to report to civil stations for transport.

Desperate families sold off belongings for cheap and packed what they could. The luckier ones had white friends who agreed to care for houses, farms and businesses in their absence.

"Others who couldn't pay their mortgage, couldn't pay their bills, they lost everything. So they had to pretty much start from scratch," said Rosalyn Tonai, 56, executive director of the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco.

Tonai was shocked to learn in middle school that the U.S. government had incarcerated her mother, aunts and grandparents. Her family hadn't

Her organization, Japanese American Citizens League and others oppose the use of the word "internment." They say the government used euphemisms such as "internment," "evacuation," and "non-alien" to hide the fact that U.S. citizens were incarcerated and the Constitution violated.

The groups say this White House has what they see as the same dangerous and flippant attitude toward the Constitution. Japanese-American lawmakers expressed horror when a Donald Trump supporter cited the camps as precedent for a Muslim registry.

The Japanese American Citizens League "vehemently" objected to executive orders signed by Trump last month, to build a wall along the Mexican border, punish "sanctuary" cities that protect people living in the country illegally, and limit refugees and immigrants from entering the country.

"Although the threat of terrorism is real, we must learn from our history and not allow our fears to overwhelm our values," the statement read in part.

Hiroshi Kashiwagi was 19 when his family was ordered

cestry board buses in Los Angeles, for Owens Valley, 235 miles north, where government's first alien reception center is under construction.

from their home in Northern California's Placer County and to a temporary detention center.

remembers He slaughtering his prized chickens- New Hampshire Reds- for his mother to cook with sov sauce and sugar. She stored the bottled birds in sturdy sacks to take on the trip. The family ate the chickens at night to supplement meals. The birds didn't last long.

Today, Kashiwagi, 94, is a poet and writer in San Francisco who speaks to the public about life at Tule Lake, a maximum security camp near the Oregon border. Winters were cold, the summers hot. They were helpless against dust storms that seeped inside.

"I feel obligated to speak out, although it's not a favorite subject," he said. "Who knows what can happen? The

In this Feb. 10, 2017 photo, Satsuki Ina holds up an identification tag issued to her mother, Shizuko Ina, at her home in Oakland, Calif.

way this president is, he does not go by the rules. I'm hoping that he would be impeached."

Orders against Japanese-Americans were revoked after the war ended in 1945. They returned to hostility and discrimination in finding work or places to live.

A congressional commission formed in 1980 blamed the incarceration on "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill to compensate every survivor with a tax-free check for \$20,000 and a formal apology from the U.S. government.

Ina said that only then did her mother, Shizuko, feel she got her face back, her dignity returned. By then her father, Itaru, had died.

"This is a burden we've been carrying, and if we can make that burden into something meaningful that could help and protect other people, then it becomes not so much an obligation but more as a responsibility," Ina said.

After Trump's election, Ina vowed to reach out to the Muslim community and protest and tell everyone about what happened to her family. She brought her message to a gathering of camp survivors in the Los Angeles area.

"And this old woman, she had a cane, she said, 'OK. I'm going to tell everybody about what happened. This is very bad. It's happening again," she said. "It's that kind of spirit."

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Health & Fitness

How to reset your body clock, and get better sleep, with hiking boots and a tent

By DEBORAH NETBURN

LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

re you sick of going to bed late and waking up tired? Then grab your hiking boots and a tent. A new study suggests that a couple days of camping in the great outdoors can reset your circadian clock and help you get more sleep.

The circadian clock is an internal clock that tells your body when it's time to go to sleep and when it's time to wake up. Scientists track this clock by measuring the amount of melatonin circulating in a person's blood at any given time.

In a healthy sleeper, melatonin levels rise a few hours before bedtime, stay high through the night, and then settle back down to daytime levels when it's time to wake up. The span of time when melatonin levels are elevated is known as biological night.

In our modern society biological night does not usually coincide with night in the natural world. Most of us stay up many hours past sunset and would probably sleep in many hours after sunrise if we could.

The trouble is, if your biological night begins at midnight or later, your melatonin levels may still be high when your alarm clock goes off in the morning. This leads to grogginess, but it may have other health consequences as well, researchers say. Diabetes, obesity and heart disease have all been associated with people not getting enough sleep.

Previous research by integrative physiology professor Kenneth Wright of the University of Colorado at Boulder found that people can reset their circadian clocks by taking a six-day summer camping trip in the Rocky Mountains.

That study, published in 2013, showed that by the end of the trip, the camper's bodies started to release melatonin around sunset, and stopped releasing it around sunrise—an average of two hours earlier than when they were tested at home.

Additionally, during the camping trip, the study participants didn't get up for an entire hour after their bodies stopped releasing melatonin, making it easier for them to wake up in the morning.

"That original study answered a lot of questions, but it raised more questions," Wright said. In the new work, published Thursday in Current Biology, Wright's team set out to determine if our circadian clocks can be reset by a shorter jaunt in nature, and if these biological clocks respond to seasonal influences.

To answer the first question, the researchers recruited 14 physically active volunteers in their 20s and 30s. Nine went on a weekend camping trip, while the other five stayed home. At the end of the weekend, the authors monitored the volunteers' melatonin levels to see if there had been any shift in the timing of their biological night.

The researchers report that in just two days, the campers' circadian clocks shifted so that their melatonin levels began to rise more than an hour earlier then they did in the days before they left on the trip. Overall, the difference was equivalent to 69 percent of the effect that the researchers observed when campers went on a six-day trip in 2013.

"This tells us we can reset our clocks fast," Wright said.

The authors also found that the circadian clocks of the group that stayed home shifted even later over the course of the weekend

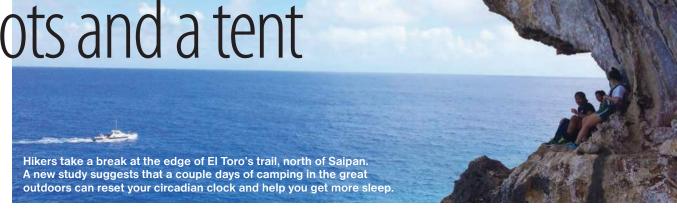
"Those people stayed up later and slept in more, like lots of us do on the weekend and that pushed their clocks later too," he said.

In another experiment, the authors sent five brave volunteers on a six-day winter camping trip to determine whether the human circadian clock is affected by seasonal changes in day length. When the campers returned home, the authors found that the winter camping group's biological night was longer than that of the group that went camping for a week in the summer back in 2013.

"That finding shows we are similar to other animals," Wright said.

Indeed, many animals adjust their circadian clocks in the winter so they can spend more time sleeping as the nights grow longer.

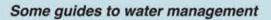
Wright explains that changes in the circadian clock trigger other changes as well—for example, causing some mammals to put on weight or change the color of their fur.



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Life & Style

Lisa Marie Presley says she's broke after ex asks for money

NEW YORK (AP)—Lisa Marie Presley describes herself as deeply in debt and just out of a treatment facility in court papers that accuse her estranged fourth husband of having hundreds of inappropriate photographs of children on his computer.

Their 8-year-old twin daughters are under the care of California child protective services, according to documents filed this month with California Superior Court in Los Angeles related to husband Michael Lockwood's request for spousal support. Lockwood has not been charged with anything and his lawyer said the accusations are inaccurate.

The court papers tell a tale of profligacy and alleged fraud that has made things messy for Presley, the 49-year-old only child of Elvis Presley and exwife of both Michael Jackson client denied the "highly and Nicolas Cage.

It's not clear why Presley's daughters are in state custody; her lawyer did not immediately return a call for comment Saturday. Presley said in court papers that she has lived with her adult daughter and has been in a treatment facility for undisclosed reasons since moving from Tennessee to California last year. She and Lockwood separated in June after 10 years of marriage.

Presley said there is a children's court trial scheduled for March related to her discovery of photos and "disturbing" video on her husband's computer.

"I was shocked and horrified and sick to my stomach," she wrote in court papers.

Lockwood's lawyer, Jeff Sturman, said Saturday his

sensational" and "inaccurate" charges.

In court papers, Lockwood called it distasteful that Presley "has placed more value on trying to damage my reputation than on the fact that her false statements may be brought to our daughters' attention, thereby causing them to suffer public humiliation, embarrassment and emotional distress."

Lockwood wants the court to order Presley to pay him \$40,000 a month in spousal support and \$100,000 in attorneys' fees. He's a musician who said he essentially gave up his career to work with his wife, who's a singer-songwriter.

Presley disclosed that she gets a \$100,000 monthly inheritance check and is paid \$4,300 a month and gets health insurance through her

father's estate. She also has a 15 percent stake in Elvis Presley Enterprises that is held in a trust; Elvis' estate earns millions of dollars a year.

Yet Presley, who said her funds were mishandled by a business manager, says she owes millions of dollars in back taxes and credit card bills. She said she owns a home in England that's worth less than what she owes on it, and has made no money as a musician herself. She said she lives rent-free with her daughter and pays for two full-time nannies for her twins.

"I cannot recall the last time I spent money on clothes and shoes of any value," she told the court.

She said her estranged husband spent more than \$1 million on her credit cards that she didn't authorize; he denies it.

Lockwood contends Presley has more money than she's letting on and that her insistence that he work only for her essentially destroyed his career.

His wife, he said, "has great uled on the case for Feb. 22.

difficulty being honest and she rarely, if ever, accepts personal responsibility for her own wrongdoing," he said.

A hearing has been sched-

Hugh Jackman says he's 'fine' after latest skin cancer bout

BERLIN (AP)—Hugh Jackman arrived at the premiere of "Logan" with a small bandage on his nose after taking to Twitter to announce he had been treated for skin cancer once again.

But Jackman insisted he's OK.

"It is fine, it is all done, all fixed, all out. Thank you for asking," he said at the Friday night debut of the film at the Berlin Film Festival.

Jackman revealed Mon-

Jackman

day that he had another basal cell carcinoma on his nose, and tweeted out a picture of his bandaged nose, and urged people to wear sunscreen. But his focus on Friday was

the "Logan" premiere. It's the third installment of the "Wolverine" spinoff series, and it may be the most ambitious. It's competing at the Berlin Film Festival, which was a goal for Jackman when he

signed on to do it.

"I didn't want it to be seen as a comic book movie, I wanted it to be seen as a film on its own," he said.

The movie is set in a dysto-

pian future and sees Wolverine caring for an aged Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart).

Stewart said he didn't need any

convincing to get on board. "I had no doubts

whatsoever. When I began to understand some of the content of this film, I was all for it. The film is unusual, very different and I think remark-

able," he said. Jackman has said that this movie is the end of the road for him and Wolverine. So what does he remember of his last day playing the mutant?

"The last day was an action day and I was sore and hurt and it was great," he laughed.

Hungarian film 'On Body and Soul'wins Golden Bear in Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—A Hungarian love story about two slaughterhouse workers who connect in shared dreams won the top award Saturday at this year's Berlin Film Festival.

"On Body and Soul" by writer-director Ildiko Enyedi contrasts the harsh reality of the abattoir with the magical world of slumber.

Enyedi was previously best known for her 1989 debut film, "My 20th Century," which won the Golden Camera award in Cannes that year.

The Golden Bear had been expected to go to the comedy The Other Side of Hope. which instead earned veteran filmmaker Aki Kaurismaki a Silver Bear for best director. The film sees a young Syrian refugee befriending a grouchy Finn, with Kaurismaki's deadpan humor delivering poignant messages about the horrors of war and the current refugee crisis in Europe.

The jury award went to "Felicite," a film by French-Senegalese director Alain Gomis about a singer in a Congolese night club.

South Korea's Kim Minhee received the best actress award for her role in "On the Beach at Night Alone," about a woman coming to terms with the end of an affair.

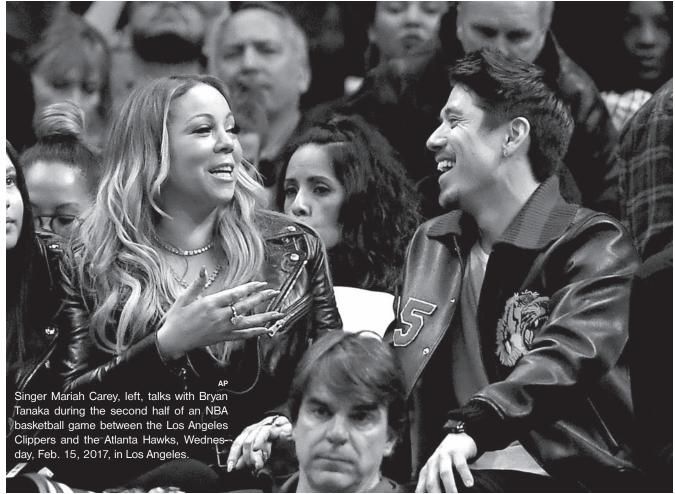
Georg Friedrich from Austria was named best actor for "Bright Nights," in which he portrays a father trying to reconnect with his teenage son.

"A Fantastic Woman" by Chilean director Sebastian Lelio received a Silver Bear for best screenplay, shared with Gonzalo Maza. It tells the tale of a transgender woman mourning for her dead lover even as most of those around her remain unwilling to empathize.

The jury also awarded Dana Bunescu a prize for outstanding artistic contribution for her editing of "Ana, mon amour," about a Romanian couple struggling to make their relationship work despite mental illness.

A final Silver Bear award for features that "open new perspective" went to movie "Spoor," a murder mystery set in rural Poland.

Mariah Carey confirms new beau; talks new single, tour



love for her backup dancer Bryan Tanaka.

Carey, who posted an Instagram picture with her and Tanaka drinking champagne in a tub on Valentine's Day, confirmed the romance in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, though she declined to say much more than that.

"I'm just going to be like 'I really don't talk about my personal life.' Because that's what I used to do and it really worked for a minute, back, a

talking about my personal life. ... Me and my boyfriend don't want to do that."

Carey's reluctance to talk in the media about her romance is understandable given the drama that erupted when she and billionaire James Packer broke up last year. The split wasn't amicable and led to plenty of tabloid headlines.

But it seems to have also inspired Carey musically. Her latest single, "I Don't," featuring rapper YG, is about a

LOS ANGELES (AP)— while ago," she said, smiling. breakup: "We got together and dress she had custom-made Mariah Carey has a vision of "I just don't feel comfortable" did the song in like a day and for her wedding. the video the next day

In the video, Carey dresses in sexy white lingerie with a white bridal garter on her thigh. In one line, YG raps, "Hold up, give me my ring back. Never mind you could keep that." Meanwhile, Carey flips off the camera with the ring on her middle finger-a ring that looks just like the one Packer gave her.

The video also shows her throwing a wedding gown in a fire pit, a gown that looks very much like the Valentino

'It was fun and it wasn't that very expensive one that they think it is," she clarified. "You shouldn't be wasteful, so I'm going to do something with charity and wedding dresses, I think."

Carey is due to hit the road this spring with Lionel Richie for "All the Hits Tour," which runs from March 15 through May 27. She met Richie for the first time when she was invited to sing "Hero" with Luciano Pavarotti in 1999.

Nicole Kidman reveals past engagement to Lenny Kravitz

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Nicole Kidman has revealed that she was once engaged to musician Lenny Kravitz.

Kidman confirmed the engagement with the rocker in a recent interview with Net-A-Porter's magazine "The Edit," in which she discussed her upcoming HBO series "Big Little Lies." Kidman said she already knew co-star Zoe Kravitz because she was once engaged to her father.

Kidman dated Kravitz a couple of years after her divorce from actor Tom Cruise in 2001. She never disclosed an engagement, although she talked about a failed engagement in 2007 with an unnamed ex. She's currently married to country singer Keith Urban.

In the interview with "The Edit," Kidman said "it's all in the family" when talking about working with Zoe Kravitz and said Lenny Kravitz is "a great guy."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Actor Shia LaBeouf brings anti-Trump piece to New Mexico ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

(AP)—Actor Shia LaBeouf has brought a performanceart piece against President Donald Trump to New Mexico's largest city.

The Albuquerque reports (http:// Journal bit.ly/2lWMbGd) LaBeouf, along with two other artists, brought on Saturday a 24-hour livestreaming camera mounted to a wall with the message in block letters: "He will not divide us," referring to Trump. The artists want people to go up to the camera and repeat the phrase

LaBeouf told the Journal: "We are anti the normalization of division. That's it. The rest of the info is right there, chief, I got nothing else to say to you."

LaBeouf was arrested in New York City last month after he got into an altercation with another man during the performance art project. He faces a misdemeanor assault charge and is due in court April 4.

James Earl Jones, **Donald Glover** cast in 'Lion King' remake

NEW YORK (AP)—James Earl Jones and Donald Glover are lending their voices to Disney's upcoming remake of "The Lion King."

Director Jon Favreau announced the casting of the two men as voice actors. Glover, star and creator of television's "Atlanta," will portray the adult Simba. Jones reprises the role of Simba's father, Mufasa, which he voiced in the 1994 animated film.

Favreau is making a CGI created live-action version of the movie, similar to Disney's remake of "The Jungle Book," which he also directed. No release date has been publicly set for the new movie

A similar process is being used for "Beauty and the Beast," which debuts next month.

Favreau has directed "Iron Man," 'Iron Man 2" and is again producing the next two "Avengers"



Angelina Jolie in Cambodia for premiere of her new film

SIEM REAP, Cambodia (AP)—Angelina Jolie said Saturday that she hopes her new film about Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge will help educate the world about the brutality of the 1970s regime and shed a light on the plight of young people in war zones today.

"First They Killed My Father" is based on author and human rights activist Loung Ung's account of her survival as a child under the 1975-79 communist Khmer Rouge regime, believed to be responsible for the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians from starvation, disease and execution.

Speaking at a news conference ahead of the film's premiere, the actressturned-director said she hopes the movie will "remind everybody that there are little Loung's all around the world today" in various war zones and corners of Jolie the world.

"Her story is their story and so this is, in many ways, universal, and we hope that that is something that you think about as well," said Jolie, who directed the film and co-wrote the screenplay with Loung.

Jolie has had an affinity for Cambodia since she began goodwill work for the U.N.'s refugee agency in 2001, and her eldest son, Maddox, 15, was adopted from the country.



bodia's history is not just the war. "I hope that the young people, when they see this film, that yes, they will learn part of their history, but I hope they also see—I hope all of

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beauty," Jolie said. Maddox worked on the production of the movie, which was shot on location in Cambodia in late 2015 and early 2016. Jolie said that Maddox is very proud of his Cambodian heritage and that she and her children see Cambodia as their "second home."

"The children are very close to the children who are in the film and, in fact, many of them are best friends," she said. "So, they're simply happy to be back with their friends. Maddox is happy to be back in his country."

The film, a Netflix original production, will be shown on the streaming service later this year.

Jolie's previous directorial projects include the 2015 marriage drama "By the Sea," in which she starred alongside then-husband Brad Pitt, and the 2014 survival story "Unbroken.'

Angry daughter-in-law may want more free baby sitting

EAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law is extremely jealous of the close relationship I have with my daughter. If I spend time with my daughter and grandson, she gets mad at me and keeps my grandchildren from me. I need advice on how to handle her. I get her children almost every weekend. I work a full-time job, but she feels like I should have them more.

GRANDMA IN GEORGIA

DEAR GRANDMA: I don't think your daughter-in-law is necessarily jealous of the close relationship you have with your daughter. But it may be that she wants more free baby-sitting service. You say you have her children almost every weekend. That hardly seems to me like she's keeping them from you.

Remind her that working a full-time job and taking care of her children the amount of time you already do is as much as you can handle, and that you need time with your daughter and her son. There are only so many hours in a day, and you need time to rest if you're going to go the distance. If that's not enough for her, so be it. If she chooses to punish you for it, it is her children who will also suffer —not just you.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small town in Pennsylvania, where I teach fifth grade and coach at the local school. I love my job

and feel lucky to be teaching next door to my mentor.

The problem is there's another teacher and a student with whom I share the same name. I can't help but feel discouraged when colleagues and students refer to me as "Junior ()" or "Fake ()" and make jokes about it on a daily basis. I try to laugh it off, but it does get to me. I feel I should be respected because I am a professional. Is there a better way to handle this so it doesn't negatively affect my day?

FRUSTRATED TEACHER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The people who do this may hesitant to get close to her because all I have is the way I feel think they're hilariously funny, but when students do it, it about her. Advice? is disrespectful. Tell them you would prefer to be addressed as "Mr. (first initial of your last name)."

As for your colleagues, remind them that you are an adult now, nothing about you is fake—and give yourself a nickname more acceptable than "Junior." Do it with humor. If they slip up, keep reminding them, and eventually it will catch on.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 50s and disabled. I am also the full-time caregiver for my parents. I live with them because they are also disabled and need my help.

An old friend has moved back to the area. I care very much for her, but I'm afraid I have nothing to offer her because I don't have my own place or make a lot being on Social Security. I'm

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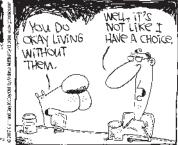
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Settle differences you have with associates to enable you to move forward with your plans. It's time to put the past behind you so that you can share what you want to see happen in the future.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get physical, participate and challenge yourself. The more invigorating and disciplined activities vou take on, the more enthusiastic you will become. Personal physical gains will lead to greater empowerment. Make romance your reward. �����

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful what you wish for. You'll attract just as much opposition as you will attention. Move forward cautiously and without reveal-

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Robinson III, Gordon, Porzingis win NBA All-Star events

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Glenn Robinson III is the NBA's new dunk king, with an assist to Indiana teammate Paul George, the Pacers' mascot and a Pacers cheerleader.

Robinson leaped over all three, snagging the ball from George along the way before finishing with an emphatic, two-hand, reverse jam, giving him a perfect score—and the title—on his final dunk.

"I know I'm a jumper. Like I said, I'm a guy that stays out of the way, but when it's time to shine, that's my thing," Robinson said. "I knew all along I had some things planned and I just wanted to show the world."

Robinson edged out Phoenix's Derrick Jones Jr., who was done in by his failure to complete his difficult first dunk of two in the final round.

Jones still managed a perfect score on his second dunk, when he received a bouncepass in the paint, put it between his legs and threw down a lefthanded jam. But Robinson made sure it wasn't enough.

In the 3-point contest, Houston's Eric Gordon dethroned Golden State splash brother Klay Thompson. Kristaps Porzingis of the New York Knicks won the Skills Challenge.

Both dunk finalists delighted the crowd with soaring slams over teammates and others that showcased the explosive spring in their vertical leaps.

"I thought I would go up against Derrick in the finals," Robinson said. "I've seen the things that he can do. That guy can jump."

Robinson's first dunk was one of his best. He leap-frogged one man sitting on another's shoulders, grabbed the ball from the elevated man's hands and slammed it home. He said 2000 dunk champ



Vince Carter was one of his primary influences, along with Michael Jordan, of course.

"Vince Carter did one of his best dunks first, and it kind of intimidated people. That's what I wanted to go out and do," Robinson said. "Who knows if it worked, but they missed some of their dunks and it gave me a little more room."

Afterward, he couldn't take his hands off of the trophy—a gold basketball—and made it sound as if that would remain the case through the weekend.

"I know I'm not letting go of her right there," he said.

"She's following me everywhere I go. It's Mardi Gras. We're going to have a good time."

Jones jumped over four teammates including Devin Booker and Marquese Chriss in the first round. He also drew roars from the crowd when he took a pass off the side of the backboard from Booker with his right hand, put the ball between his legs to his left for a round-house jam.

The dunk that cost him was

a bold one. He tried to leap a friend and the Suns' gorilla mascot, grab the ball on the way over, put it between his legs and then finish with a windmill. But he couldn't get

the dunk to go down in his allotted three attempts.

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do were unable to emerge from the first round. Jordan dunked over DJ turn tables and Gordon dunked after receiving a bounce pass from a drone that had flown over the court with the "Star Wars" theme music playing.

Eric Gordon got his win in New Orleans, where he played the previous five seasons before leaving last summer in free agency.

Gordon's score of 21 in a final-round tiebreaker defeated Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, the 2013 winner who had 18. The pair had each finished with a score of 20 in the final round, meaning they each had to shoot 25 more balls to decide it.

"I wasn't really concentrat-

Indiana Pacers forward Glenn Robinson III slam dunks over teammate Paul George, a mascot, and a cheerleader, as he participates in the slam dunk contest during NBA All-Star Saturday Night events in New Orleans, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.

ing on how many I made," Gordon said. "It's all about just knocking down the shot. I never counted in my head or anything. I just go out there and just shoot the ball."

Thompson was stunningly eliminated in the first round, missing a final shot from the corner that could have put him through ahead of Kemba Walker.

Big men reigned supreme for a second straight year in the skills competition, with the 7-foot-3 Porzingis beating Utah's Gordon Hayward in the final round.

Those vanquished in earlier rounds included guards John Wall of Washington and Isaiah Thomas of Boston, both because they couldn't make their initial 3-pointers required to close out the course before Hayward did, even though Hayward had trailed each of them dribbling down the court by a considerable margin before hitting his clinching shots.

Porzingis emerged from the big-men's division that included the Pelicans' Anthony Davis and Denver's Nikola Jokic.

"It's a good feeling that I'm able to showcase my skill with my size and show to the kids that you're capable of doing that even if you're tall and lanky like me," Porzingis said.

Porzingis and Hayward were neck-and-neck until the end of the course, but Porzingis hit his 3 first to end it.

The three-round, head-tohead obstacle-course competition tests dribbling, passing, agility and shooting skills.

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Older, wiser and more aware of the world, LeBron James is unafraid to let his views known on politics or social issues or even the business of basketball.

It wasn't always that way.

But in his 14th season, with more NBA playing years in his rear-view mirror than left in front of him, James doesn't see much reason to stay silent these days. His voice is louder than ever when he deems it appropriate while his numbers remain as good as ever. It's one of the reasons why he'll again be the star attraction on Sunday night when he plays in the All-Star Game for the 13th time.

"I've been vocal about a lot," James said Saturday. "That's who I am. I'm a vocal guy. I've been vocal about a lot of things this year."

LeBron James talking a good game, still playing a great one

Whether it was his stance on the presidential election where he supported Hillary Clinton, expressing his displeasure about Phil Jackson's characterization of the people closest to him, speaking directly to fans through video messages or even saying his Cleveland Cavaliers need another playmaker to help with their NBA title defense, James has been taking full advantage of his massive platform.

This weekend, though, he is trying to take a break from any negativity and enjoy the moment.

"Truly blessed," James said. "This is a special time for me."

He's not alone in that sort of thinking. For all the subplots—the Kevin Durant-Russell Westbrook drama, Kyrie Irving's claim that the Earth is flat and Carmelo Anthony's All-Star nod after some trying times in New York—none of the 24 players who'll be on the floor Sunday night will likely be thinking about anything besides putting on a show.

James' two sons are hoping for a show, too. Not from their dad, so much—but rather from their favorites like Westbrook and Stephen Curry.

"LeBron Jr. wore 0 for the longest time because he loves Russ," James said. "Bryce wore 30 because he likes Steph and likes to shoot the ball from deep. I think that's pretty cool."

James' arrival was the big news of All-Star Saturday, largely because he missed Friday's events because of family obligations. Durant and Westbrook shared the floor for practice but had minimal interaction—not even looking at each other when they were maybe a foot apart in the back of the Superdome while trying to find their assigned spots for a media session.'

"This game, it's for the fans," said Westbrook, the two-time reigning All-Star MVP.

It always is, though this All-Star weekend has a younger feel.

Sunday's will be the first All-Star Game since 2005—James' first All-Star—where no player in the game will be older than 32. Kobe Bryant was 37 when he made his All-Star farewell in Toronto last season, and Kareem Abdul-

Jabbar was two months shy of turning 42 when he played in the game for the last time in 1989.

Anthony is the oldest All-Star, seven months older than James and eight months older than Marc Gasol. They're all 32.

"It's pretty weird to be the veterans now when we were the young guys a few years ago, but that's just the way the league is going, man," Durant said. "Teams are drafting two or three 18-year-olds a year. ... The league is getting younger and at some point we're going to be the old guys passing the torch to the young guys."

James is one of those old guys now.

But he's not ready to pass any torch.

He's shooting better this season, 54 percent, than he did in his first three MVP years. His 8.8 assists per game have him on pace for a career-best, his rebounding average is essentially the same as it was in all four MVP seasons and his scoring—25.9 per game—is just a tick below what he did in those years where he was tabbed as the game's best.

"I take pride in going out every night, and you knowing what you're going to get from me every night," James said. "I work on my game. I work on my craft. And to know that my numbers are right up there with my MVP seasons, it just lets me know I'm consistent. You can always book me for whatever my numbers say. Sometimes they're more. Not going to be less, not that many times."

Trout stays humble and hungry in new season with Angels

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)— Although

Mike Trout is a fairly well-known baseball player at this point, he still made his way around the Los Angeles Angels' clubhouse on Saturday morning to introduce himself to several new teammates.

The two-time AL MVP arrived in Arizona this week with slightly longer hair and a renewed goal to steal 40 bases this season. He also has two companions at spring training for the first time: His high school sweetheart and new fiancee, Jessica Cox, and their miniature American Eskimo dog, Juno.

While a few things change every year, Trout's teammates and coaches say he has been the same unassuming, upbeat guy throughout one of the greatest half-decades in recent big league history.

"Mike hasn't changed a bit from the first day he stepped up here on a major league field," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Probably hasn't changed since he was in high school."

The Angels have plenty of new faces this spring, including left fielder Cameron Maybin at Trout's side. Trout acknowledges the importance of becoming a veteran leader alongside Albert Pujols, but doesn't plan to allow it to hinder his potential to do something spectacular in any game.

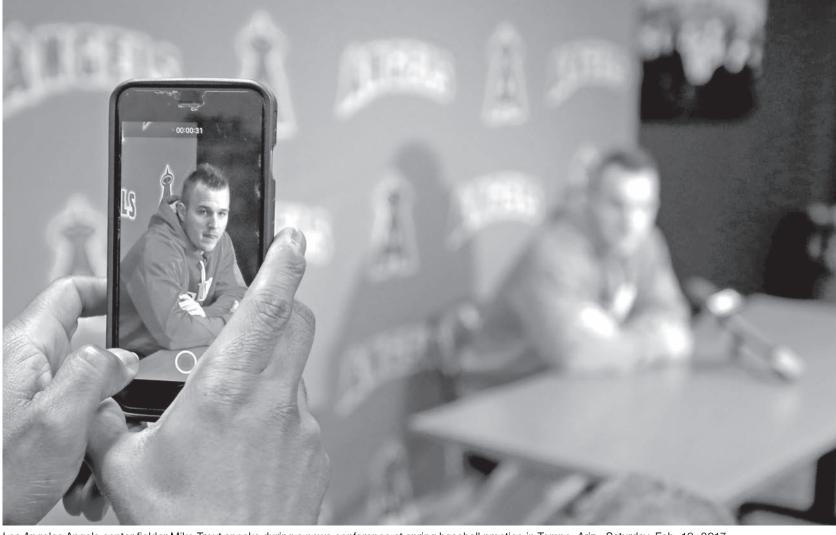
"I wouldn't say (I'm) changing," Trout said. "(But) I've been here five, six years now. If the younger guys have questions, people know me. I talk to everybody, so they can ask me anything. I wouldn't say (I'm) vocal, but I don't think I need to change. I like my game to talk, the majority of the time."

Trout spent a good chunk of the offseason planning his wedding to Cox next December, but maintained the same aggressive workout schedule after accepting his second MVP award. About the only thing he changed was his hair—which isn't exactly long, but it's longer.

"Some of my teammates were complaining (that) I had the same buzz cut since third grade," Trout said. "A couple of the guys are growing it out, so I said, 'Hey, maybe I should try it.' And I did, and Jess liked it, and I just kept it."

The Angels' first full-squad workout of spring was curtailed by steady rain Saturday across the Phoenix area, but Trout used the time to settle in for the next chapter in his remarkable story.

He won his second MVP award last fall, outdistancing Boston's Mookie Betts and Houston's Jose Altuve in the voting despite playing for



Los Angeles Angels center fielder Mike Trout speaks during a news conference at spring baseball practice in Tempe, Ariz., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.

the fourth-place Angels, who finished 74-88 in their worst performance of Trout's career. Trout batted .315 with 29 homers, 100 RBIs, 30 stolen bases and a .991 OPS while playing solid defense in center field last season.

Yet he still couldn't lead the Angels into contention in the AL West, largely thanks to a staggering series of injuries to their starting rotation.

"The name of the game is staying healthy," Trout said. "When you have a bunch of pitchers go down, and guys in our lineup go down, we just couldn't put it all together. It's frustrating for sure. You want to get to the playoffs. It's fun. You've seen the World Series

last year. You want to be in that atmosphere."

Indeed, Trout has a jaw-dropping list of achievements, but he still hasn't won a playoff game. The Angels were swept by Kansas City in 2014 in his only postseason appearance.

He has four seasons remaining on his current contract, and Angels general manager

Billy Eppler has adamantly declared Trout won't be traded. That means he'll spend at least the bulk of his 20s trying to bring a World Series title to Anaheim.

Trout has ample optimism this spring, particularly citing Maybin and Ben Revere as a possible solution to the Angels' long-standing woes in left field. Trout believes the club has the leaders in place to add team success to his individual superlatives within the next four years.

"I love Billy," Trout said.
"He's great, and he's just trying to do everything he can to
help us improve. Our mindset
is to get to the playoffs and try
to win a ring, obviously."

Cubs star Kris Bryant unfazed by constant fanfare, attention

MESA, Ariz. (AP)—Jason Heyward is amazed at how Kris Bryant handles the attention that comes with being the NL Rookie of the Year two years ago and the commanding MVP choice and World Series champion just a year later.

The swarms of adoring Cubs fans. Constant autograph signing. Selfies galore with the North Side die-hards.

"Everybody wants his autograph, everybody wants a picture, and those are good things, but it's a lot to take on," Heyward said.

Yet Bryant appears so at ease with the fanfare, seemingly able to block it all out the moment he steps on the diamond to begin his workday.

Heyward himself experienced the hype of being in a Rookie of the Year race while playing for Atlanta seven years ago, when he finished runner-up to San Francisco catcher Buster Posey. Sometimes, Heyward reminds Bryant that he doesn't have to oblige every autograph seeker or pose for every photo "be-

cause he does so much for a lot of people on and off the field."

"As far as the way he goes about his business, the baseball part, it's fun to watch and you appreciate it," Heyward said Saturday, when the Cubs' first full-squad workout was canceled because of rare heavy rain in the desert. "You see certain players, certain people get a certain kind of attention in life, in sports, entertainment, baseball, whatever. He, being on the Chicago Cubs, coming up the first spring training he had big league camp wise, then coming back and having another big spring, obviously going on to win the MVP, that's a lot of attention. And he won Rookie of the Year. I understand what it's like to go through one of those years where people are talking about you as a rookie."

Bryant tired after a short offseason? Yeah, right.

"I guess I'm the wrong guy to ask, I'm still pretty young. I'm just going to run with that. I have youth on my side," the 25-year-old third baseman said with a grin. "We did have a short offseason, but we wouldn't have it any other way."

Bryant played almost everywhere on the field last season as the Cubs captured their first World Series title since 1908, and he loved it.

Sure, he might play third base more regularly this year and that's fine with him, but he also wouldn't mind bouncing around again if that is best for the Cubs and helps them build off what they accomplished in 2016 to end the franchise's drought at long last.

"I like moving around. It's fun for me, it keeps it fresh. I'm ready for it. I've got all my gloves here," said Bryant, who played 107 games at third, 69 in the outfield, nine at first base, one at shortstop and one as designated hitter during interleague.

He hit .292 with 39 home runs and 102 RBIs, 35 doubles and an NL-leading 121 hits last season, earning 29 of a possible 30 first-place votes in the MVP race a year after sweeping as Rookie of the

Now, Bryant is eager to get started as the defending champs try to make another special run and keep flying that W.

"It's going to be tough to do but we still have the majority of our guys here," Bryant said. "We're extremely confident heading into it. I guess some of the pressure's off, 108 years is now behind us. But the goal from here on out is to win the World Series and if you don't do that, I consider every season after that a failure if you don't do that."

Manager Joe Maddon just wants to make sure Bryant gets extra rest whenever he might need it - not often - or adjusts his workload when necessary to keep him in prime health for the long haul.

Other than those things, Maddon has few concerns about his All-Star slugger.

"God bless, he's done

pretty good in college, he's done pretty good in the minor leagues, he's done pretty good as a rookie, he's been pretty good as a second-year guy," Maddon said. "He's so grounded and that's the only thing, see with him the method with which he thinks and the support staff that he has. I'm not concerned. My biggest concern is always health. A guy like him you want to keep him mentally and physically well and if you can do that, there's no reason that he can't continue to actually keep getting better. So I don't worry about things like that."

Bryant got recognized regularly when he was home in Las Vegas this winter and realized just how many Cubs fans there are everywhere.

"You can say he handles it better than I handled it when I did it, and I thought I did it pretty well," Heyward said. "... He does a good job of separating and just going to play his game, being a kid and loving baseball."

Webber, Massimino among the Hall of Fame finalists

Chris Webber and Rollie Massimino are one step from the Hall of Fame.

The career 20-point-pergame NBA scorer and the coach who led Villanova to a stunning upset of Georgetown in the 1985 NCAA championship game were among the 14 finalists unveiled Saturday for this year's Basketball Hall of Fame induction class.

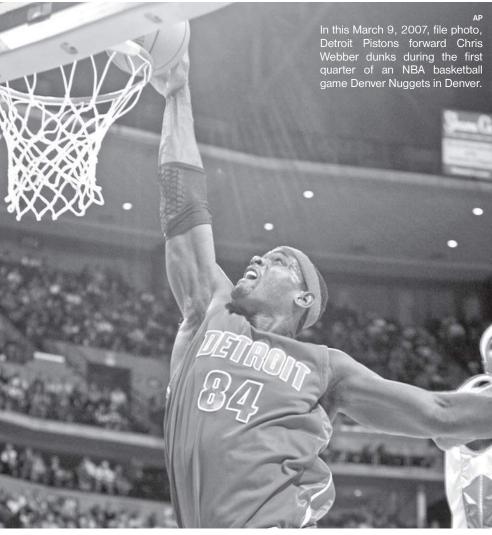
Webber played 15 seasons with five franchises, plus was part of Michigan's famed "Fab Five" group that headlined college basketball in the early 1990s.

"I don't know what I'm most proud of," said Webber, who averaged 20.7 points and 9.8 rebounds in his career and was a five-time NBA All-Star. "I'm proud to be in the room with all these great individuals."

Other first-time Hall of Fame finalists include longtime NBA referee Hugh Evans, Connecticut women's star Rebecca Lobo, two-time NBA scoring champion Tracy McGrady, five-time All-Star Sidney Moncrief, Baylor women's coach Kim Mulkey, Kansas coach Bill Self, and two-time NBA champion coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

"I still can't believe I'm here," McGrady said. "This is not even a dream come true."

Previous finalists returning to the ballot include star point guard and Olympic gold



medalist Tim Hardaway, winningest all-time boys high school coach Robert Hughes, Notre Dame women's coach Muffet McGraw, former Wisconsin coach and fourtime Division III national champion Bo Ryan and 10time AAU women's national

champion team Wayland Baptist University.

"We are grateful to the 14 finalists in the Class of 2017 for the impact they have had on the game we cherish," Basketball Hall of Fame Chairman Jerry Colangelo said. "To be named a finalist for the Basketball Hall of Fame is an incredible accomplishment."

Inductees will be announced at the Final Four on April 3. Enshrinement ceremonies in Springfield, Massachusetts are scheduled for Sept. 7-9.

Massimino, now 82-year-old cancer survivor who is still coaching at NAIA school Keiser University in West Palm Beach, Florida, is a finalist for the first time. His Hall of Fame hopes have been backed by plenty of current tee to be enshrined. Among and former coaches in recent months - including

current Villanova coach Jay Wright, presented Massimino with a championship ring from the Wildcats' 2016 NCAA title.

"Some days, we do take him for granted," Keiser guard Andrija Sarenac said. "But then you see him on TV so much, you see all these videos made about him, the movies about Villanova and everything, and it just hits you. You realize that he's a legend. I mean, your coach is a walking legend. With the energy and everything he comes in with, it's inspiring."

Finalists need 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Commit-

> this year's candidates who did not make the finalist group: Muggsy Bogues, Ben Wallace, Kevin Johnson, Maurice Cheeks, Mark Price. Lefty Driesell and Eddie Sutton.

Former New York Times sports writer Harvey Araton and former Turner Sports broadcaster Craig Sager will be recognized during Hall of Fame weekend as this year's Curt Gowdy Media Award recipients.

"A tremendous honor," said Sager's wife Stacy.

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Miguel "Basa" Pangelinan Ballfield will also undergo improvement.

"I am confident that these facilities will be ready way ahead before we host the Pacific Mini Games in 2021," said White.

The Pacific Mini Games will bring more than 2,000 athletes, officials, and visitors to the CNMI, including those from New Zealand and Australia. The two Oceania countries will compete in select sports in the quadrennial event. The Pacific Mini Games, White added, is expected to pump in around \$12 million to the

Commonwealth's economy.

With NMSA aiming to bring the best ever Pacific Mini Games on island, the association is counting on the support of all the stakeholders in the event.

"We have the support of our governor, Ralph Torres, and NMSA is also hoping to get the same strong support from the CNMI Legislature," White said.

Meanwhile, the NMSA head also announced that the CNMI will have around 30 delegates (athletes and officials) to the 2017 Pacific Mini Games that will be held in Vanuatu this December. Team CNMI will compete in athletics and rugby 7's.

hamber Golf tourney urging golfers to signs up

This year's annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce 2017 Golf Tournament is looking to bring back some fun to the golf course. The Chamber is encouraging players of all skill levels and talents to join this tournament. Men and women golfers are sure to have a beautiful day on Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course with holes sponsored by Chamber members. A banquet will immediately follow the close of the tournament. The show time is 6am on March 4, 2017 with a shotgun start at 7am.

The format is a two-person scramble. The entry fee is \$120/non-member and \$110/ Chamber member. Cash prizes include \$800 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$300 for third place for each

of the two categories: Team Gross and Team Double Peoria. There will also be closestto-the-pin, longest drive, and accurate drive contests.

Triple J Motors will sponsor a Hole-In-One prize of a 2017 Mazda 6. Three Hole-In-One opportunities of \$5,000 each are offered by Pacifica Insurance, McDonalds of Saipan, and the Chamber's Saipan Young Professionals.

The funds raised by the tournament and raffle will support the Chamber's Scholarship Program, monthly training seminars, and other community based projects. Amongst the activities offered in 2016 were:

■ Chamber scholarships:

• four \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors,

• one \$2,000 scholarship to an Northern Marianas College college student

> one \$2,000 scholarship to an Northern Marianas Trades Institure student.

■ 2016 Business and Finance Conference hosted with the Bank of Guam and the Commonwealth Development Au-

thority ■ A Labor Visa Symposium to increase awareness of the options available for employee visas.

Fabulous raffle prizes have been donated, and tickets will be available for purchase during the awards banquet at the end of the tournament. Sponsorships and raffle prizes are currently being collected and we expect this will be the most exciting event yet. Registration forms for players are available for download at www.saipanchamber.com, at the Chamber office, and Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The Chamber is pleased to have the support of its generous members and looks forward to offering new programs to enhance the business community on Saipan in the upcoming year.

If you would like more information about the event, visit the Chamber's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saipanchamber or contact Mercilynn Kaneshi Palecat 670-234-7150 or administrator@saipanchamber.com. (PR)

bid. However, Dong Min and make it to the finals.

The title game between the gles will also take place today.

ever, the Enforcers quickly tied the match anew, 3-all, in the ensuing inning, as Camacho blasted a two-run single at the top of the sixth. At the bottom of the sixth,

the bottom of the fifth. How-

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the Falcons countered with two runs-Spencer Dickinson's earned run and Max Pangelinan off a sacrifice out-to regain the lead, which they kept after pitcher Ngel Cabrera struck out the Enforcers' first three batters at the top of the seventh.

Meanwhile, the Falcons were also victorious in the Junior League after easing past the Enforcers, 16-4, while the Comets topped the Braves 12-6.

The Falcons, who took last year's division crown after edging the Enforcers, 10-7, won their early rematch last Saturday, thanks their solid hitting in the first four innings.

The defending champions scored four runs in the first and three in the third before collecting nine in the fourth to set up the easy victory. Francisco K. led the Falcons' surge at the

bottom of the fourth with his three-run triple, while Zack Reyes got two RBIs in his two trips at bat in the pivotal inning, and the team recorded two more earned runs.

Aven Evangelista and Joel Norita scored four runs each in the Falcons' season-debut win and both went 3-for-4 at bat.

In the other Junior League game last Saturday, the Comets pulled off a come-from-behind victory after finding their targets in the fourth and fifth inning and shutting down the Braves in the last four.

The Comets were behind, 1-6, at the bottom of the fourth before moving within 1, 5-6, as Sneak Sumor hit a two-run double and also reached off the Braves' error. The Comets' other run came off an RBI walk.

The Comets went on to grab the upper hand at the bottom of the fifth after gaining six more runs. Sab Saures had a two-run double, while Rell Teregeyo knocked in a two-RBI single in that period. Saures was also one of the three pitchers the Comets used in the last four innings to silence the Braves.

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duel against Villanueva at the bottom half of the draw.

Meanwhile, Cruz is also in the finale of the mixed-up doubles after getting back-toback wins over the weekend.

The second-ranked Cruz and his teammate Richard Steele first defeated Seo Hee Lee and Race in the quarterfinals last Saturday, 6-3, 6-4, and then downed No. 5 seed Andy Kim and Colin Ramsey in yesterday's semis game, 6-2, 6-1, to book the finals berth at the bottom half of the

At the upper half of the draw, No. 1 seed Daniel Kang and Dong Min Lee also posted a pair of wins over the weekend to set up a title showdown against Cruz and Steele. Dong

Min and Kang prevailed over No. 7 seed Steven Goodwin and Seung Won Lee in the quarterfinals last Saturday, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, to arrange a semis duel against Isabel Heras and Hyunmin Cho.

Sixth-ranked Cho and Heras earlier booted out Jaeyun Jung and Tania Tan, 6-3, 6-4, to enter the Final Four. In the semis, Heras and Cho took the first set, 4-6, to boost their finals Kang regrouped and swept the last two sets, 6-4, 10-6, to

Top 2 seeds in the draw will be played today at 2pm. The championship games in the women's singles, boys U10, U12, U14, and U16 singles, girls U10, U12, and U14 singles, and men's over 40 sinSAIPAN TRIBUNE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017 **27**

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Peter Camacho poses with his CNM Sports Hall of Fame trophy.



Elias Rangamar poses for a photo after being inducted to the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame.



Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race, left, congratulates 2016 Administrator of the Year Jerry Tan.



Athletics' Jerald Castilo, right, receives his NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Male Student Athlete of the Month certificate from CNMI Hall of Famer Jeff Race.



Bobby Cruz, center, and Vince Tudela, right, receive their Team of the Year trophy from CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jeff Race, left.



Two-time NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Male Student Athlete of the Month winner Robbie Schorr, left, is joined by Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke Suzuki for a photo after getting their certificates.



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Falcons, Comets win season debuts



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eigning champions Falcons started their title defense in the Junior and Senior League divisions on a winning note, while the Comets also prevailed in their first match in the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball over the weekend at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons, who clinched last year's Senior League championship after a 3-0 victory over the Comets, outclassed the Enforcers, 5-3, in SLLB's season-opening game last Friday.

After struggling in the first four innings, the Falcons scored two runs apiece in the last two to beat the Enforcers. Actually, both teams were a bit off in their opening match with the Falcons having only one when Arby Yaguel reached home at the bottom of the third off the Enforcers' error. The Enforcers, earlier at the top of the first, made it to the board off Tyrese Camacho's RBI single, before going cold in the next four innings.

After five innings, the Falcons went up 3-1, thanks to a sacrifice out from Kobe Lifoifoi and a Henry Aguon run from the Enforcers' miscue at

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NMSA head eyes more improvement to facilities



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Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White discusses some developments with NMSA's projects during 2016 NMSA Annual Sports Banquet last Thursday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

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Northern Marianas Sports Association will be applying for grants for more improvement projects at the Oleai Sports Complex.

NMSA president Michael White announced the group's plans during the 2016 NMSA Annual Sports Banquet last Thursday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, saying continued repairs at the various facilities on island are needed as the CNMI prepares for the hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

White said NMSA will look into the funds to have the Gilbert C. Ada Gynnasium air-conditioned and extend the grandstand at

the Oleai Sports Complex. Grants from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency had been earlier approved for the repair works (ceiling/repainting) at the Ada gym (more documentations are

required to start the project), while the resurfacing work at the track facility is ongoing.

White credited former NMSA vice president Kurt Barnes and NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifoi for working together to secure the grant from the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. for the resurfacing work at the track. The NMSA head added that the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield and the

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Cruz earns return trip to finals



Former CNMI National Team member Bobby Cruz got another chance to win

his first men's open singles title in the White Coconut Tennis Classic after advancing to the finals yesterday.

Cruz swept junior player Tony Kim, 6-2, 6-1, in their semis match at the Pacific Islands Club court, to gain a finals entry for the second straight year. He lost to Carol Lee in the 2016 title game, 1-6, 3-6.

Cruz will be going for the division championship against Moris Villanueva, who fell short in his bid for the men's open crown in the past two years. In 2015, Villanueva bowed to Luke Beling in their title match, 0-6, 0-6, while last year, the former was forced to retire due to cramps while leading in the second set of his semis match against Lee, 1-5.

Before his withdrawal, Villanueva went toe-to-toe against Lee, who pulled off a 7-5 victory in the opening set.

Villanueva is back in the finals after eliminating CNMI coach Jeff Race in the first semis game last Saturday, 6-4, 6-3. Villanueva has yet to drop a set in the 2017 edition of the annual tournament as he also swept Colin Ramsey in the quarterfinals last week, 6-3, 6-3. The second-seeded Race, on the other hand, needed a super-tiebreaker third set to oust Ken Song, 5-7, 7-5, 13-11, and set up a Final Four

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO Bobby Cruz prepares to serve against Tony Kim during their semis game in the men's open singles event in the 2017 White Coconut Tennis Classic yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club

